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Faith DeMaio takes part in the March for Our Lives rally on the National Mall in Washington on Saturday. DeMaio traveled to D.C. as part of the Junior Newtown Action Alliance. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD

Junior Newtown Action Alliance activists hit the road to make a difference in their fight to prevent gun violence in schools

By Taylor Hartz | Hartford Courant

The first time Faith DeMaio marched against gun violence in Washington, D.C., they were snuggled in their favorite winter coat: A bundle of white lined with cheetah print and trimmed with fur that had once been impounded in their third-grade classroom, while Sandy Hook Elementary School remained a crime scene.

On Dec. 14, 2012, DeMaio huddled in a corner as a gunman killed their classmates in a room a few halls away. It was the same classroom where they sat on the carpet two years earlier braiding their friends' hair and reading story books.

When the surviving students were finally led out of the school that morn-

ing, they fled without their coats. DeMaio said they can still remember how cold the biting December air felt against their skin as they wound their way through the woods and toward the firehouse where they'd be reunited with their parents.

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DeMaio was just 8 years old the first time they took part in a march against gun violence in Washington. **FAITH DEMAIO**

Senators strike bipartisan gun deal

10 Republicans join Dems in calling for passage of safety bill

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate bargainers Sunday announced the framework of a bipartisan response to last month's mass shootings, a noteworthy but limited breakthrough offering modest gun curbs and stepped-up efforts to improve school safety and mental health programs.

The proposal falls far short of tougher steps long sought by President Joe Biden and many Democrats. Even so, the accord was embraced by Biden and enactment would signal a significant turnaround after years of gun massacres that have yielded little but stalemate in Congress.

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Downtown Bristol on comeback

Signs of renewal after 'generations of doubt'
By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Shuttling between his three downtown Bristol restaurants this spring, JR Ruscgrove recognized that the long-awaited revitalization was slowly but undeniably happening.

"If you drive down Main Street or North Main Street, you can feel it. Even the nay-sayers who are never

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At the corner of North Main Street and Route 6 in Bristol, the KindCare assisted living project is starting to take shape. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Connecticut towns eye new ways to protect soft targets

Gun buy-backs, beefed-up security among responses

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The devastating murders of 19 children and two teachers in an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, on May 24 felt achingly familiar to Connecticut residents who

mourned both the loss of Sandy Hook students and teachers a decade earlier and of a sense of safety.

In the days after the Uvalde shooting, armed police officers were posted at schools across Connecticut, and parents and teachers wept, faced again with the reminder that schools have become a frequent site of gun violence.

While Connecticut has some of the toughest gun

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Some say school lockdown drills are ineffective and heighten anxieties. **Connecticut, Page 1**

control laws in the nation, many of the security measures implemented in Connecticut following the Sandy Hook shooting were present in Texas, too, and

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Weston wins Class S boys lacrosse title

Fifth-seeded Weston pulls away to beat Northwest Catholic 16-3 to win its second straight boys lacrosse title, this time in Class S. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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NEWS BRIEFS

Subway considers moving headquarters

MILFORD — Subway Restaurants said Sunday it's considering moving to Fairfield County where its operations began, leaving its Milford headquarters.

“Subway is exploring options in northeastern Fairfield County to create a world-class work environment for our employees, that includes a modernized headquarter location, featuring an engaging and welcoming workspace and wide range of on-site amenities,” a spokesperson said. “As a member of the community for nearly 50 years, we look forward to strengthening our long-term commitment to the area.”

No details were provided.

The chain of more than 21,000 franchisees began in Bridgeport in 1965 with an initial \$1,000 investment from Peter Buck to Fred DeLuca.

Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake could not be reached for comment.

Subway announced last year it would move several of its business units to Miami.

Most of the company’s workers will remain in Connecticut, but some “functional areas” such as marketing, culinary and other units will move to Florida, the spokeswoman said. In May, Subway announced it would hire 50,000 restaurant employees in June as part of a national hiring push.

— Stephen Singer

Bristol woman dies in wrong-way crash

EAST HARTFORD — A woman from Bristol was killed in a wrong-way crash early Sunday, police said.

Nicole LaFlamme, 33, was driving the wrong way on Route 5/15 near Exit 91 in East Hartford about 5 a.m. when she struck another vehicle head-on, according to Connecticut State Police. LaFlamme was allegedly driving south in the northbound lane when she struck a Jeep driven by 26-year-old Lamiya Asia Edwards of Manchester, police said. LaFlamme was pronounced dead at the scene. Edwards was taken to Hartford Hospital with minor injuries.

Anyone with information about the crash or with dash-camera video is asked to contact Connecticut State Police Trooper Michael Dean at 860-534-1098 or michael.dean@ct.gov.

— Taylor Hartz

Two dead as motorcycle hit head-on

STAFFORD — Two people are dead after a motorcycle was struck head-on by a car in Stafford, police said.

A 17-year-old driver from Somers allegedly swerved his Nissan Pathfinder into the westbound lane about 2:15 p.m. Friday and struck the Honda motorcycle on Route 190 near Fenton Road, according to Connecticut State Police Troop C Tolland. The driver of the motorcycle, John Frederick Zorick, 63, of Windsor Locks, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. His passenger, 61-year-old Debra Zorick, was taken by LifeStar to St. Francis Hospital with life-threatening injuries. She later died at the hospital, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Kaelberer at 860-896-3200.

— Taylor Hartz

Pedestrian critically injured in hit-and-run

HARTFORD — A 62-year-old pedestrian was critically injured late Saturday when he was hit by a vehicle in the area of Albany Avenue and Garden Street, police said. The driver of the vehicle had fled the area by the time officers arrived just after 11:30 p.m. and found the man “suffering from injuries sustained during the collision,” police said.

EMS crews arrived on scene and began life saving measures, then the man was taken to an area hospital where he was listed in critical condition early Sunday, police said. While the driver of the motor vehicle “evaded and fled the scene of the accident prior to police arrival,” a suspect vehicle has been identified by investigators, police said. The Crime Scene Division is investigating, police said. Anyone with any information about the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

— Staff report

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satisfied have to feel it,” Rusgrove said Friday. “For now it’s chain link fences and scaffolding, but you can tell the empty spaces are going to be filled, and we’re thrilled to death.”

After a half-century of worsening stagnancy, downtown is in the midst of a large-scale makeover with several major construction projects either under way or imminent.

At the north end of North Main, a fleet of heavy equipment is putting down the foundation for a 60,000-square-foot assisted living center. Farther south, Wheeler Clinic is about to start building a 30,000-square-foot medical center and headquarters, while Carrier Corp. is preparing to break ground later this year for a 90-apartment mixed-use development.

“Realistically, we’re hitting a tipping point. In three years, there’ll be fighting for space downtown,” Mayor Jeff Caggiano said Friday. “When you think about where we’ve come after 15 years of just an empty lot, that’s a huge accomplishment. And it’s been 61 years since urban renewal, so we have generations of doubt to overcome.”

Caggiano, who took office in November, acknowledged that most of the development plans were set up by previous mayors who’d spent years trying to market the barren 15-acre Bristol Centre Mall property. The city bought the failing mall in 2005 and tore it down, but the tract stayed mostly a vacant lot ever since.

Former Mayor Ken Cockayne five years ago brokered a deal to get Bristol Health to put up the first building on the site, and

then-Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu negotiated contracts for several of the projects ready to start.

“We did get some good inheritance, but now I’m working hard to make sure it all comes together,” Caggiano said. “We’re making sure the pieces come together as quickly as possible and are as closely aligned as possible. And it’s creating incentives [for redevelopment] in surrounding neighborhoods.”

Caggiano is also working to ensure that the nearby West End gets some benefit out of the downtown revival.

KindCare

Contractors are laying the foundation for Fairfield-based Senior Living Advisors’ 60-unit assisted living center at the northern gateway to downtown.

The five-story building will house about 120 tenants; most will be in assisted living units, but one floor will be set aside as specialized memory care section. The Kind-Care project is on schedule to open sometime in 2023.

The southwestern corner of the North Main Street and Farmington Avenue intersection was urban blight for 17 years after the Mamatseos Building was demolished in 2005. When plans for a chain pharmacy on the site fell through soon afterward, Bristol fenced off the vacant lot. Since then, visitors’ first image of downtown was chain link fence and litter-strewn weeds.

Wheeler Clinic

Plainville-based Wheeler Clinic plans a three-story, 30,000-square-foot headquarters and medical office complex on part of the old mall property.

The goal is to consolidate a series of small, leased spaces used by medical and counseling staff in and around the city. For downtown, the attraction is up to 200 new employees adding to foot traffic and potential buying power for restaurants and shops.

During land acquisitions last winter, President and Chief Executive Officer Sabrina Trocchi described the project as offering Bristol “an influx of shovel-ready new construction, economic development, health care and new administrative professionals into the downtown area.”

City Hall

Even though it doesn’t add square footage or fresh jobs, the renovation of city hall is good long-term news, according to downtown merchants. The city is spending north of \$30 million to modernize and upgrade the building, which should reopen in the fall of 2023.

With the 1963-built city hall building deteriorating, municipal officials for years have talked about relocating city government — and potentially taking away scores of jobs from downtown’s core. For restaurants and stores, that also could have meant losing the dozens and dozens of daily visitors who stop to renew permits, file documents, pay taxes, get dog licenses or transact other business.

Mechanical and engineering improvements are under way, but officials said the a big boost to the downtown streetscape will be the addition of a roughly 7,200-square-foot entrance atrium. New landscaping, ramps and decorative pavers are planned.

Carrier apartments

The biggest share of the former mall site is

being purchased by Carrier Construction for a 90-apartment mixed-use project.

“We’re shooting for starting the foundation work in the fall, if not then early next year,” said Ryan Carrier, a principal in the company.

Progress on other projects nearby has been encouraging, he said.

“Everyone has been waiting to see that happen. It’s exciting to see the development not just downtown but all over town,” he said.

Carrier built a smaller apartment complex on Main Street that was quickly filled, and he’s confident the downtown building will go the same way.

“We already have 30 or 40 names on a waiting list,” he said Friday.

The company will seek final approvals from land use boards this summer.

“We’d like to see them getting into the ground this fall,” Caggiano said.

Centre Square Plaza

With those projects and several smaller residential and commercial buildings planned on or near the mall property, city planners are looking for a much livelier downtown. So Bristol has set aside one acre for a municipal plaza to host community events ranging from the farmers markets to food truck gatherings, seasonal festivals and more.

“These events will bolster community pride while helping to support private developments on Centre Square as well as downtown businesses nearby,” according to the city’s website.

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7 2 9 WB: 0	5 0 3 3 WB: 1

CASH 5
5 8 12 26 33

LUCKY FOR LIFE
11 16 31 37 41 LB: 2

POWERBALL
18 20 26 53 69 PB: 5 PP: 2

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Voices

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They felt a familiar freezing wind rip through the air the first time they marched on Washington at just 8 years old. Now 18, they’ve spent most of their life campaigning against guns. On Saturday, they once again made the long drive to Washington on a bus filled with fellow survivors who are still fighting to save children from being killed in their classrooms.

“I’m here, and I’m doing something. I’m not a scared little third grader anymore,” they said in a sea of activists who gathered on the National Mall under a hazy sky Saturday. “I’m an adult now, and I’m here to help make a change.”

Standing side-by-side with other survivors, they closed their eyes as they remembered the first time they stood there. Marched there. Hoped there.

“I started doing this in January 2013 when I was only 8, right here in Washington. We came down on the bus just like we did today,” they said, surrounded by the crowd of thousands who gathered in the shadow of the Washington Monument to urge Congress to pass stricter gun laws.

Saturday’s March for Our Lives, the second of its kind since it was formed by survivors of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 dead, spurred marches and rallies in more than 400 cities across the country this weekend in the wake of deadly mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas.

DeMaio remembers being at the first one in 2018.

“I remember sitting in the crowd with my best friend who was also a survivor and thinking, ‘I think we’re really making a change,’” they said.

Last month, when two gunmen tore through a supermarket and another elemen-



Faith DeMaio makes a poster on the bus in preparation for the March for Our Lives rally Saturday on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.. **TAYLOR HARTZ/HARTFORD COURANT**

tary school, that hope wavered.

“It just feels like a huge slap in the face for everything we’re working for every time this happens, that what we’re doing isn’t enough,” they said.

Leah Crebbin, who will co-chair the Junior Newtown Action Alliance next year, said she hopes to use the momentum the movement has right now to lobby even harder.

She hopes to lead the group back to Washington to talk to members of Congress directly, to ask them to tell survivors of the deadliest school shooting in the nation’s history, to their face, why they will vote against proposed legislation that would raise the age for the purchase of AR-15’s like the one the shooter in their school was armed with.

“I think it’s really powerful to be able to look a representative in the eye and say, ‘You’re doing something wrong. Because nothing is changing, and we need to do more.’”

Maggie LaBanca, a co-chair of the Junior Newtown Action Alliance and soon-to-be graduate of Newtown High School, said she became an activist because her close friend and next-door neighbor, Daniel Barden, was among the first graders killed in their school. She first came to Washington to support Daniel’s older sister, Natalie Barden, as she spoke out about her little brother’s murder at a vigil for victims of gun violence.

“That was the first time people really asked me about my experience, and I found a way to deal with my trauma. I started to understand that I’m a survivor,” she said.

Senators

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Biden said in a statement that the framework “does not do everything that I think is needed, but it reflects important steps in the right direction, and would be the most significant gun safety legislation to pass Congress in decades.”

Given the bipartisan support, “there are no excuses for delay, and no reason why it should not quickly move through the Senate and the House,” he said.

Leaders hope to push any agreement into law rapidly — they hope this month — before the momentum fades that has been stirred by the recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas. Participants cautioned that final details and legislative language remain to be completed, meaning fresh disputes and delays might emerge.

In a consequential development, 20 senators, including 10 Republicans, released a statement calling for passage. That is potentially crucial because the biggest obstacle to enacting the measure is probably in the 50-50 Senate, where at least 10 GOP votes will be needed to attain the usual 60-vote threshold for approval.

“Families are scared, and it is our duty to come together and get something done that

will help restore their sense of safety and security in their communities,” the lawmakers said. The group, led by Sens. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., John Cornyn, R-Texas, Thom Tillis, R-N.C., and Krysten Sinema, D-Ariz., produced the agreement after two weeks of closed-door talks.

The compromise would make the juvenile records of gun buyers under age 21 available when they undergo background checks. The suspects who killed 10 Black people at a grocery store in Buffalo and 19 students and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde were both 18, and many perpetrators of recent years’ mass shootings have been young.

The agreement would offer money to states to enact and put in place “red flag” laws that make it easier to temporarily take guns from people considered potentially violent, plus funds to bolster school safety and mental health programs.

Some people who informally sell guns for profit would be required to obtain federal dealers’ licenses, which means they would have to conduct background checks of buyers. Convicted domestic abusers who do not live with a former partner, such as estranged ex-boyfriends, would be barred from buying firearms, and it would be a crime for a person to legally purchase a weapon for someone who would not qualify for ownership.

Congressional aides said billions of dollars

would be spent expanding the number of community mental health centers and suicide prevention programs. But they said some spending decisions are unresolved, as are final wording on juvenile records and other gun provisions that might prove contentious.

Yet underscoring election-year pressures from Buffalo and Uvalde, the parties’ shared desire to demonstrate a response to those shootings suggested momentum toward enactment was strong.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called the accord “a good first step to ending the persistent inaction to the gun violence epidemic” and said he would bring the completed measure to a vote as soon as possible.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has supported the talks, was more restrained.

He praised the bargainers’ work and said he is hoping for a deal that makes “significant headway on key issues like mental health and school safety, respects the Second Amendment, earns broad support in the Senate, and makes a difference for our country.”

The agreement was quickly endorsed by groups that support gun restrictions including Brady, Everytown for Gun Safety and March for Our Lives, which organized rallies held around the country Saturday.

“On behalf of the entire state of Connecticut, I thank and commend Sen. Chris Murphy,

The 18-year-old said she feels that “as a community, us survivors are being washed out.”

They aren’t included in the numbers that become synonymous with each mass shooting, but their trauma is lifelong. Activism has helped her feel less powerless in her grief and survivorship.

“It’s definitely helpful to not be drowned by the trauma of it all, to fight so others don’t have to endure it,” she said.

Jake Schumer, her fellow co-chair, said that by marching together they are able to encourage and support each other in the shared pain they’ve all felt and continue to feel.

On Saturday, he said, they were reminded that they aren’t alone.

“Seeing how many people came out reminds us that it’s not just people from Newtown. It’s people coming from all across the country to show support,” he said. “Being here together lets us show that we have a voice to make [a] change. Even if we don’t feel like it, we’re able to encourage people.”

As the seniors approach graduation, they’ve been thrust back into the spotlight. The shooting in Uvalde so starkly echoed the tragedy at their school that they’ve been called upon, over and over again, to talk about the re-traumatization they’re living through. Many have felt the call to lobby with more determination than they have in a decade.

As they prepare to walk across the high school graduation stage, they’re reminded of all they have lost just trying to learn and to earn that diploma they’ll soon have in their hands.

One senior tradition in the tiny, close-knit town is for graduating seniors to do a walk-through of their elementary schools to reminisce on the memories of their early school years.

“There are four elementary schools in Newtown, so a fourth of us won’t ever be able to do that,” said DeMaio.

Sen. Dick Blumenthal, and our entire Congressional delegation for continuing to move the conversation forward that led to this bipartisan agreement,” Gov. Ned Lamont said in a statement. “This framework is in line with many of the commonsense measures we have in Connecticut, which promote responsible gun ownership while keeping our residents, especially our children, safe.”

The National Rifle Association said in a statement that it opposes gun control and infringing on people’s “fundamental right to protect themselves and their loved ones,” but supports strengthening school security, mental health and law enforcement. The group has long exerted its sway with millions of firearms-owning voters to derail gun control drives in Congress.

The agreement represents a lowest common denominator compromise on gun violence, not a complete sea change in Congress. Lawmakers have demonstrated a newfound desire to move ahead after saying their constituents have shown a heightened desire for congressional action since Buffalo and Uvalde, but Republicans still oppose more sweeping steps that Democrats want and Sunday’s agreement omits.

These include banning assault-style firearms such as the AR-15 style rifles used in Buffalo and Uvalde, or raising the legal age for buying them.

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Connecticut mayors, first selectmen, school superintendents and police chiefs began asking what more could be done.

Towns looking at a variety of methods

Fairfield has increased the police presence at public schools, while Brookfield, Colchester and New Milford are all considering similar moves.

Simsbury, East Hartford, South Windsor and Branford have all passed proclamations concerning gun violence awareness and calling for stronger gun control measures, according to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

In Enfield, town manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, a Democrat who previously served as mayor of Bristol, said police, school officials and the town have been meeting together recently to make the community safer. Enfield generated headlines in 2013 after the school board voted to place armed guards in the public schools.

Now, the town spends about \$1.2 million annually on school safety, she said. That includes \$500,000 per year for four full-time police officers — two at the high school and two at the middle school. In addition, the town spends \$268,000 in overtime for roving police patrols daily at multiple schools.

“There’s this constant presence,” Zoppo-Sassu said in an interview.

While police have re-assessed the security at the schools, she declined to provide details of any improvements so that town officials would not tip their hand to criminals. After the Texas school shooting in May, top officials recently redoubled their efforts with constant communication, drills and overall security assessments to ensure that Enfield is prepared.

“I’m sleeping better than I did 2 ½ weeks ago,” Zoppo-Sassu said.

In North Haven, First Selectman Michael Freda said the town will add another full-time, uniformed police officer in the public schools starting this fall — making a total of seven officers with two at the high school, one at the middle school, and one at each of the four elementary schools. The officers monitor bus drop-offs, scrutinize all visitors, and patrol the interior and exterior of the schools, among other tasks.

“If we were to walk over to a school right now, we couldn’t get in — even me as first selectman,” Freda told The Courant in an interview. “It’s money well invested.”

While saying that teachers and students are pleased with the level of security, Freda said he



Enfield town manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu has been working closely with the local school superintendent and police chief to improve school safety. She is shown here with U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, who is now leading the Senate negotiations on gun legislation, in 2019 when she was serving as Bristol’s mayor. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

is not satisfied and is always looking for ways to improve safety.

In South Windsor, the town council has been discussing a proposed ordinance that could ban the “open carry” of guns in town hall and other public buildings.

A draft of the ordinance says the measure is needed “to provide for the good order, peace, health, safety and welfare of the town and its residents in the management of the business of the town while inside any town building.” As a result, a person carrying a pistol, revolver or stun gun would need to keep the weapon concealed — which is common practice now but is not mandatory.

In Middletown, the town council has set aside \$10,000 to offer cash for guns in a buy-back program.

For the past 12 years, Hartford police and others have organized the annual Capitol Region Gun Buyback program that has generated publicity about getting weapons off the streets. During that time, they have collected more than 1,000 guns that have been voluntarily surrendered under a joint effort with hospitals and trauma surgeons who often treat gunshot wounds.

Regional school districts have either hired armed security guards or are looking into the possibility. That includes regional school districts 15 and 16, along with New Milford. The effort is the same in the Lyme-Old Lyme regional school district that could vote as early as Wednesday whether to allow guards to be armed.

“Since the school shooting in Uvalde,

municipal leaders and school districts are on heightened alert and exploring opportunities to enhance security to protect the safety of students and school personnel,” said Betsy Gara, executive director of the 110-member Council of Small Towns that represents communities with fewer than 35,000 residents.

Gun laws unlikely to change soon in state

Gov. Ned Lamont and the State Bond Commission recently set aside an additional \$5 million for churches, synagogues, domestic violence shelters and other gathering places for a wide variety of security improvements that include bulletproof glass, surveillance cameras, fencing, alarm systems and computer-controlled electronic locks.

While Lamont said Connecticut is far ahead of many states, he would not declare that the state has done enough.

“No,” Lamont said in an interview with two reporters in West Hartford. “I think we’re the best in the country, and I think that if Texas had our gun-safety rules, a lot of people would be alive today. That said, I said you’re not serious about law and order unless you’re serious about guns.”

Lamont favors a further ban on homemade “ghost guns” in Connecticut that are untraceable because they do not have serial numbers. The guns were banned by a law in 2019, but guns made before that date were “grandfa-

thered” in as legal. Lamont also favors restrictions on bulk purchases, supporting a bill by Democratic Sen. Will Haskell of Westport to allow one gun purchase per month, per person — meaning a maximum of 12 per year.

“Frankly, the Republicans said it’s not going to happen,” Lamont said. “We’re not going to give you any support on the crime bill at all if you mention the word guns.” I said maybe after all these horrific mass shootings over the last few weeks, there would be a new point of view. I’ve talked to some of the leadership on that, but I don’t think anything is going to change from where we were three months ago.”

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford says the state needs to concentrate on enforcing the myriad guns laws on the books before creating new laws. He predicts that a special session will not be called to change gun laws, and no session has been scheduled.

Gun control has become a likely key issue in the gubernatorial race.

Republican Bob Stefanowski, who is facing Lamont in a rematch of their 2018 race, said the primary step for state officials is to “enforce the laws that are on the books.”

He said he would not push for changes in the multiple reforms that were made in Senate Bill 1160 following the shootings in Newtown.

“I don’t think 1160 is the perfect law,” Stefanowski told reporters recently outside a fuel company in Meriden. “I think the mental health aspect should be funded. I think the school security should be funded. But it’s a tough law. It’s on the books. No. 1 is keeping people safe. I’m not going to change it.”

Stefanowski said he would not release a questionnaire that he filled out from the National Rifle Association during the 2018 campaign, saying that he does not have a copy.

Since 2013, starting after the shootings of 20 children and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the state has spent \$71 million to improve security at both public and private schools.

“We’ve got additional resources going out to our schools,” Lamont said. “They can use that for resource officers if they want. Many of them are trying to limit the number of entrances and egresses in and out of the school. I think a lot of them are doing the right thing on their own, and they’ve got a lot of federal resources right now to operate.”

With tighter gun laws, Lamont said Connecticut has already seen results.

“It works,” Lamont said. “We’ve got half the fatalities per capita of Georgia and Texas. It works — not having everybody packing heat, especially the assault weapons that are out there right now.”

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Panelists pointing finger at Trump

Jan. 6 members say proof exists for DOJ to weigh indictment

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of the House committee investigating the Capitol riot said Sunday that they have uncovered enough evidence for the Justice Department to consider a criminal indictment against former President Donald Trump for seeking to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

The committee announced that Trump’s campaign manager, Bill Stepien, is among the witnesses scheduled to testify at a hearing Monday that focuses on Trump’s effort to spread his lies about a stolen election. Stepien was subpoenaed for his public testimony.

As the hearings unfold, Rep. Adam Schiff said he would like the department to “investigate any credible allegation of criminal activity on the part of Donald Trump.” Schiff, D-Calif., who also leads the House Intelligence Committee, said that “there are certain actions, parts of these different lines of effort to overturn the election that I don’t see evidence the Justice Department is investigating.”

The committee held its first public hearing last week, with members laying out their case against Trump to show how the defeated president relentlessly pushed his false claims of a rigged election despite multiple advisers telling him otherwise and how he intensified a scheme to overturn Joe Biden’s victory.



The Jan. 6 panel will hold its second public hearing Monday into the 2021 U.S. Capitol siege. On Thursday, the panel showed a video of former White House adviser Ivanka Trump saying she accepted there was no election fraud. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Additional evidence is set to be released in hearings this week that will demonstrate how Trump and some of his advisers engaged in a “massive effort” to spread misinformation, pressured the DOJ to embrace his false claims, and urged then-Vice President Mike Pence to reject state electors and block the vote certification Jan. 6, 2021.

Stepien, a longtime Trump ally, is now a top campaign adviser to the Trump-endorsed House candidate in Wyoming’s Republican primary, Harriet Hageman, who is challenging Rep. Liz Cheney, the committee’s vice chair and

a critic of the former president. A Trump spokesman, Taylor Budowich, suggested that the committee’s decision to call Stepien was politically motivated.

Monday’s witness list also includes BJay Pak, the top federal prosecutor in Atlanta who left his position Jan. 4, 2021, a day after an audio recording was made public in which Trump called him a “never-Trumper,” and Chris Stirewalt, the former political editor for Fox News.

The committee has said most of those interviewed in the investigation are coming forward voluntarily, although some have wanted subpoenas to appear

in public.

Committee members said they would present clear evidence that “multiple” GOP lawmakers, including Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., had sought a pardon from Trump, which would protect him from prosecution. Perry on Friday denied he ever did so, calling the assertion an “absolute, shameless and soulless lie.”

“We’re not going to make accusations or say things without proof or evidence backing it,” Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said.

Lawmakers indicated that perhaps their most important audience member over the course of the hearings

may be Attorney General Merrick Garland, who must decide whether his department can and should prosecute Trump.

“Once the evidence is accumulated by the Justice Department, it needs to make a decision about whether it can prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt the president’s guilt or anyone else’s,” Schiff said. “But they need to be investigated if there’s credible evidence, which I think there is.”

Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Md., said he doesn’t intend to “browbeat” Garland but noted the committee has already laid out in legal

pleadings criminal statutes they believe Trump violated.

“I think that he knows, his staff knows, the U.S. attorneys know, what’s at stake here,” Raskin said.

Garland has not specified how he might proceed, which would be unprecedented and may be complicated in a political election season in which Trump has flirted with the idea of running for president again.

No president or ex-president has ever been indicted.

Richard Nixon resigned from office in 1974 as he faced an impeachment and a likely grand jury indictment on charges of bribery, conspiracy and obstruction of justice. President Gerald Ford later pardoned his predecessor before any criminal charges related to Watergate could be filed.

Legal experts have said a Justice Department prosecution of Trump over the 2021 riot could set an uneasy precedent in which an administration of one party could more routinely go after the former president of another.

“We will follow the facts wherever they lead,” Garland said in his speech at Harvard University’s commencement ceremony last month.

A federal judge in California said in a March ruling in a civil case that Trump “more likely than not” committed federal crimes in seeking to obstruct the congressional count of the Electoral College ballots on Jan. 6, 2021.

The judge cited two statutes: obstruction of an official proceeding, and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Trump has denied all wrongdoing.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Moscow-backed officials make push to solidify rule

Russia says missiles hit depot filled with weapons from West

By David Keyton
and John Leicester
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Kremlin-installed officials in occupied southern Ukraine celebrated Russia Day on Sunday and began issuing Russian passports to residents in one city who requested them, as Moscow sought to solidify its rule over captured parts of the country.

At one of the central squares in the city of Kherson, Russian bands played a concert to celebrate Russia Day, the holiday that marks Russia’s emergence as a sovereign state after the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to Russia’s state news agency RIA Novosti.

In the neighboring Zaporizhzhia region, Moscow-installed officials raised a Russian flag in Melitopol’s city center.

Ukrainian media reported that few, if any, local residents attended the Russia Day festivities in the two cities.

Russia Day was also cele-

brated in other occupied parts of Ukraine, including the ravaged southern port of Mariupol, where a new city sign painted in the colors of the Russian flag was unveiled on the outskirts and Russian flags were flown on a highway leading into the city.

Also, the Russia-aligned administration in Melitopol started handing out Russian passports to those who applied for Russian citizenship. RIA Novosti posted video of a Moscow-backed official congratulating new Russian citizens and telling them: “Russia will not go anywhere. We are here for good.”

President Vladimir Putin earlier this year issued a decree fast-tracking Russian citizenship for residents of the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

In captured cities in the south and east, Moscow has also introduced the ruble as official currency, aired Russian news broadcasts and taken steps to introduce a Russian school curriculum.

The Kremlin’s administrators in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions have voiced plans to incorporate the areas into Russia,

despite protests and signs of an insurgency among local residents.

Russian-installed officials Sunday in Melitopol reported an explosion in a garbage bin near the city’s police headquarters and said two residents were injured.

Another blast was reported at an electrical substation in the city of Berdyansk, which is also under Russian control.

The Kremlin-backed administration pronounced it a terrorist attack, and officials said electricity was shut down in parts of the city.

On the battlefield, Russia said it is used missiles to destroy a large depot in western Ukraine that contained anti-tank and air-defense weapons supplied to Kyiv by the U.S. and European countries. It said the attack took place near the city of Chortkiv in the Ternopil region.

Volodymyr Trush, regional governor of Ternopil, which includes Chortkiv, said that Russian forces fired four missiles from the Black Sea and that they also destroyed four five-story buildings. Trush said 22 people, including a child, were wounded.

At the request of Ukraine’s government, the United



A Ukrainian serviceman rests in a shelter Sunday between the cities of Mykolaiv and Kherson. In Kherson, Russian bands played a concert to celebrate Russia Day. GENYA SAVILOV/GETTY-APP

States, Britain, European Union states and other nations have channeled billions of dollars in military equipment and aid to Ukraine to help fight Russia’s invasion.

Since their invasion Feb. 24, Russian forces have periodically struck warehouses, rail lines and other infrastructure in an effort to destroy Ukrainian weapons supplies and keep them from getting to the front lines.

Also Sunday, heavy fighting continued for control of Sievierodonetsk, an eastern

city in Luhansk province with a prewar population of 100,000 that has emerged as central to Russia’s campaign to capture the Donbas, Ukraine’s industrial heartland.

Luhansk Gov. Serhii Haidai said on the Telegram messaging app that Russian forces were shelling a Sievierodonetsk chemical plant where up to 500 civilians, 40 of them children, were holed up.

An official with the pro-Moscow, self-proclaimed Luhansk People’s Republic, Rodion Miro-

shnik, said 300 to 400 Ukrainian troops also remained inside the plant. He said that efforts were underway to evacuate the civilians.

Leonid Pasechnik, head of the Luhansk People’s Republic, said the Ukrainians making their stand in Sievierodonetsk should save themselves the trouble.

“If I were them, I would already make a decision” to surrender, he said. “We will achieve our goal in any case.”

The New York Times contributed.



Andriy Pokrasa, 15, lands his drone on his hand during an interview Saturday in Kyiv, Ukraine. NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

Teen hero ‘happy that we destroyed someone’

Associated Press

KOLONSCHYNA, Ukraine — As Russian tanks and trucks rumbled close to their village, a Ukrainian teenager and his father stealthily launched their small drone into the air.

Working as a team, they took bird’s-eye photos of the armored column moving toward Kyiv and pinpointed its coordinates, swiftly messaging the information to the Ukrainian military.

Within minutes, artillery

batteries rained shells down on the invading forces.

Andriy Pokrasa, 15, and his father, Stanislav, 41, are being hailed in Ukraine for their volunteer aerial reconnaissance work in the early days of the invasion, when Russian troops barreling from the north made an ultimately failed attempt to take the capital.

For a full week after the Feb. 24 invasion, the pair made repeated sorties with their drone — risking capture or worse.

“These were some of the scariest moments of my life,” Andriy recounted.

His father was happy to leave the piloting to the boy. “My son does it much better,” he said.

They saw the devastation wrought on the Russian convoy when they later flew the drone back over the charred hulks of trucks and tanks near a town west of Kyiv.

As Russian and Ukrainian forces battled for control of Kyiv’s outskirts, Ukrainian

soldiers urged the Pokrasa family to leave their village, which Russian troops subsequently occupied.

With all adult men up to age 60 under orders to stay in the country, the elder Pokrasa couldn’t join his wife and son when they fled to Poland.

They came back a few weeks ago, when Andriy had finished his school year.

“I was happy that we destroyed someone,” Andriy said. “I was happy that ... I was able to do something.”

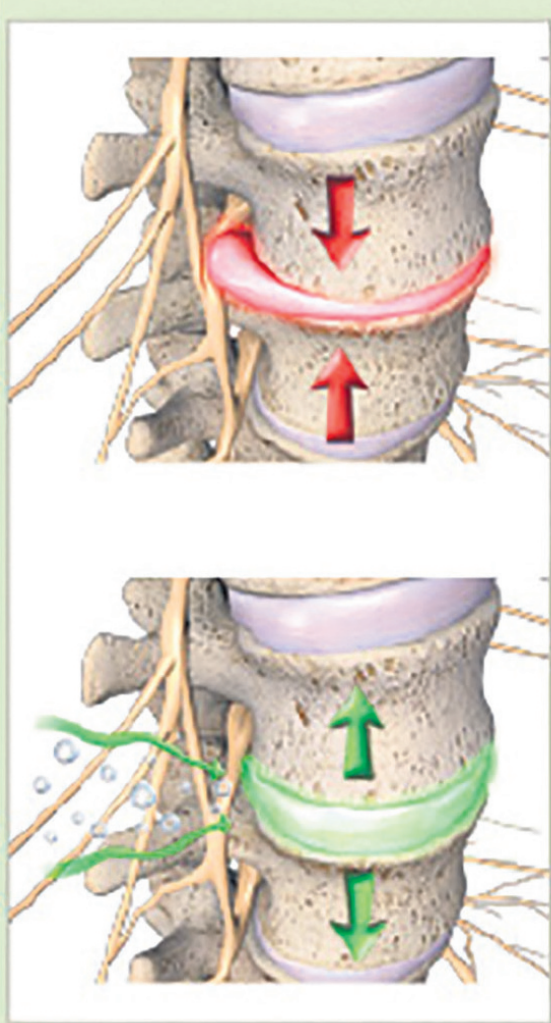
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NEWS BRIEFING

Palin grabs early lead in special election for House seat in Alaska

From news services

JUNEAU, Alaska — Former Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska leads the 48-candidate field in a special primary election for the state's sole congressional seat, according to a preliminary count of ballots Sunday.

The top four candidates in the race will advance to the special election in August.

The winner of the special election will serve the remainder of Rep. Don Young's term, which ends in January. Young died in March at age 88.

The early results showed Palin, endorsed by former President Donald Trump, with 29.8% of the votes counted; Republican Nick Begich had 19.3%; independent Al Gross had 12.5%; Democrat Mary Peltola with 7.5%; and Republican Tara Sweeney had 5.3%.

A candidate whose name is Santa Claus, a self-described "independent, progressive, democratic socialist," had 4.5%.

This election was unlike any the state has seen, crammed with candidates and conducted primarily by mail. This was the first election, too, under a system approved by voters in 2020 that ends party primaries and uses ranked choice voting in general elections.

State elections officials plan additional counts Wednesday and Friday, and a final count June 21. They have targeted June 25 to certify the race.

Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, released a statement expressing gratitude "to all of my wonderful supporters who voted to make Alaska great again!"

Gasoline prices: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline spiked 39 cents over the past three weeks to \$5.10

per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that the price jump comes amid higher crude oil costs and tight gasoline supplies.

The average price at the pump is \$1.97 higher than it was one year ago.

Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas is in the San Francisco Bay Area, at \$6.55 per gallon. The lowest average is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at \$4.43 per gallon.

The average price of diesel rose 20 cents over three weeks, to \$5.86 a gallon, according to the survey.

Brookings resignation: The president of the Brookings Institution resigned Sunday amid a federal investigation into whether he illegally lobbied on behalf of the wealthy Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

Retired Gen. John Allen wrote in a letter to the think tank that he was leaving with a "heavy heart" but did not offer a direct explanation. "I know it is best for all concerned in this moment," Allen's letter said.

A retired four-star Marine general who led U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, Allen's announcement came less than a week after the Associated Press was first to report on new court filings that showed the FBI had seized Allen's electronic data as part of the lobbying probe.

Allen has not been charged with any crimes and, through a spokesman, has denied any wrongdoing.

Brookings is one of the most prestigious think tanks in the country.

Iraqi bloc: Dozens of lawmakers who make up the biggest bloc in Iraq's parliament resigned Sunday amid a prolonged political impasse, plunging the divided nation



Diners line up to eat at a former McDonald's outlet that reopened Sunday in Moscow. McDonald's sold its 850 branches in Russia after President Vladimir Putin ordered the Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine. As part of the deal, the new chain — called Vkusno-i Tochka (Tasty-period) — agreed to retain all 62,000 people employed by McDonald's prior to its exit. **DMITRY SEREBRYAKOV/AP**

into political uncertainty.

The 73 lawmakers from powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's bloc submitted their resignation based on his request, to protest a persisting political deadlock eight months after general elections were held.

Parliament Speaker Mohammed Halbousi accepted their resignation.

Al-Sadr, a maverick leader remembered for leading an insurgency against U.S. forces after the 2003 invasion, emerged as the winner in the election held in October.

The election was held several months earlier than expected, in response to mass protests that broke out in late 2019, and saw tens of thousands rally against endemic corruption, poor services and unemployment.

The vote brought victory for al-Sadr who won 73 out of parliament's 329 seats, and was a blow for his Iran-backed Shiite rivals, who lost about two-thirds of their seats and have rejected the results.

NATO talks: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Sunday that Turkey has "legitimate concerns" over terrorism and other issues that need to be taken seriously.

Turkey has accused Finland and Sweden of supporting Kurdish militants and says it will not back the two Nordic nations joining NATO until they change their policies.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto, Stoltenberg stressed that "no other NATO ally has suffered more terrorist attacks than Turkey" and pointed to its strategic geographic location with neighbors like Iraq and Syria.

After decades of military non-alignment, Russia's war in Ukraine pushed Finland and Sweden to apply to join NATO in May.

But Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accuses the Nordic nations of supporting Kurdish militants deemed by Turkey to be

terrorists and has vetoed their entry into the 30-member alliance.

In the past weeks, NATO's chief has been trying to resolve the dispute.

Stoltenberg will visit Sweden on Monday for talks with the Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson.

NKorea artillery: North Korea test-fired suspected artillery pieces into the sea Sunday, South Korea's military said, days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for greater defense capability to cope with outside threats.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it detected several flight trajectories believed to be North Korean artillery Sunday. It said South Korea maintains a firm military readiness in close coordination with the United States amid boosted surveillance on North Korea.

During a national security council meeting convened

to discuss the suspected launches, South Korean officials expressed concern that North Korea is upgrading weapons systems that pose a direct threat to South Korea and reaffirmed they would sternly deal with such North Korean efforts, according to South Korea's presidential office.

The North's artillery tests draw less outside attention than its missile launches. But its long-range artillery guns are a security threat to South Korea's metropolitan region, which is 25-30 miles from the border with North Korea.

The suspected artillery launches were the latest in a spate of weapons tests by North Korea this year in what foreign experts call an attempt to pressure Washington and Seoul to relax international sanctions against Pyongyang and make other concessions.

South Korean and U.S. officials recently said North Korea had almost completed preparations for its first nuclear test in about five years.

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Biden in '24? Some Dems are uneasy

Agenda flops, party calamities casting doubt on reelection

By Reid J. Epstein and Jennifer Medina

The New York Times

Midway through the 2022 primary season, many Democratic lawmakers and party officials are venting their frustrations with President Joe Biden's struggle to advance the bulk of his agenda, doubting his ability to rescue the party from a predicted midterm trouncing and increasingly viewing him as an anchor that should be cut loose in 2024.

As the challenges facing the nation mount and fatigued base voters show low enthusiasm, Democrats from coast to coast are quietly worrying about Biden's leadership, his age and his capability to take the fight to former President Donald Trump a second time.

Interviews with nearly 50 Democratic officials, from county leaders to members of Congress, as well as with disappointed voters, reveal a party alarmed about Republicans' rising strength and extraordinarily pessimistic about an immediate path forward.

"To say our country was on the right track would flagrantly depart from reality," said Steve Simeonidis, a Democratic National Committee member from Miami. Biden, he said, "should announce his intent not to seek reelection in '24 right after the midterms."

Most top elected Democrats were reluctant to speak on the record about Biden's future, and no one interviewed expressed any ill will toward Biden, to whom they are universally grateful for ousting Trump from office.

But the repeated failures of his administration to pass big-ticket legislation on signature Democratic issues, as well as his halting efforts to use the bully pulpit of the



Faith among Democrats in President Joe Biden's second-term viability may be waning along with his poll ratings. EVAN VUCCI/AP

White House to move public opinion, have left the president with sagging approval ratings and a party that, as much as anything, seems to feel sorry for him.

That has left Democratic leaders struggling to explain away a series of calamities for the party that all seem beyond Biden's control: inflation rates unseen in four decades, surging gas prices, a lingering pandemic, a spate of mass shootings, a Supreme Court poised to end the federal right to an abortion, and key congressional Democrats' refusal to muscle through the president's Build Back Better agenda or an expansion of voting rights.

To nearly all the Democrats interviewed, the president's age — 79 now, 82 by the time the winner of the 2024 election is inaugurated — is a deep concern about his political viability. They have watched as a commander in chief who built a reputa-

tion for gaffes has repeatedly rattled global diplomacy with unexpected remarks that were later walked back by his White House staff, and as he has sat for fewer interviews than any of his recent predecessors.

"Biden doesn't get the credit he deserves for steering the country through the worst of the pandemic, passing historic legislation, pulling the NATO alliance together against Russian aggression and restoring decency and decorum to the White House," said David Axelrod, the chief strategist for Barack Obama's two winning presidential campaigns. "And part of the reason he doesn't is performative. He looks his age and isn't as agile in front of a camera as he once was, and this has fed a narrative about competence that isn't rooted in reality."

Biden has repeatedly said he expects to run again in 2024. But if he does not,

there is little consensus about who would lead the party.

Few Democrats interviewed expect that high-profile leaders with White House ambitions would defer to Vice President Kamala Harris, who has had a series of political hiccups of her own in office.

These Democrats mentioned a host of other figures who lost to Biden in the 2020 primary: Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Cory Booker, D-N.J.; Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg; and Beto O'Rourke, the former congressman who is now running for Texas governor, among others.

Elected Democrats are cautious about openly discussing Biden's future.

"I'm not allowed to have feelings right now," said Jasmine Crockett, a Texas state representative who last month won a primary runoff

for a heavily Democratic House seat based in Dallas. "When you're an incoming freshman, you just don't get to."

Still, Crockett lamented a stark enthusiasm gap between Republicans, who in Texas have passed legislation to restrict voting rights and abortion rights while expanding gun rights, and Democrats, who have not used their narrow control of the federal government to advance a progressive agenda.

"Democrats are like, 'What the hell is going on?'" Crockett said. "Our country is completely falling apart. And so I think we're lacking in the excitement."

Many Democratic leaders and voters want Biden to fight harder against Republicans, while others want him to seek more compromise. Many of them are eyeing 2024 hoping for some sort of idealized nominee — somebody who isn't Biden

or Harris.

Hurting Biden the most, said Faiz Shakir, who was campaign manager for Sanders in 2020, is a perception of weakness.

In an interview, Shakir said he believed that Biden could beat Trump a second time — but that if Republicans nominate a newer face, like Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida, Biden may not be the best choice.

"If it's DeSantis or somebody, I think that would be a different kind of a challenge," Shakir said.

And then there are the questions about Biden's inability to persuade centrist Democratic senators to back his agenda. With the prospect of a Republican majority in at least one chamber of Congress next year, Democrats who have been in a similar position of holding fleeting control of government are nervous that past mistakes will be repeated.

Elizabeth Guzman, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, said Democrats in her caucus regret not passing a sweeping abortion rights law last year before they lost control of the state House and governor's mansion to Republicans.

"We wanted to codify Roe vs. Wade, and look what happened," she said.

The anxiety about Biden extends to the core of his political base. Adrienne Shropshire, the executive director of BlackPAC, an African American political organizing group, said her chief concern was that Black voters, having watched Biden and the Democrats fail to deliver on core promises, don't come back to vote in November.

"Does this frustration and the malaise and the worry and the fear, does that translate into an ongoing enthusiasm gap, and does that cause people to feel like their participation doesn't make significant change?" she said. "That's the real question."



French President Emmanuel Macron casts his vote followed by his wife, first lady Brigitte Macron, at a polling station Sunday in Le Touquet, France. LUDOVIC MARIN/GETTY-AFP

Macron's centrists will keep majority, projections suggest

By Sylvie Corbet

Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist alliance is expected to keep its parliamentary majority after the first round of voting Sunday, but it will likely have far fewer seats than five years ago, according to projections.

Projections based on partial election results showed that at the national level, Macron's party and its allies received about 25%-26% of the vote. That was neck-and-neck with estimates for a new leftist coalition composed of hard-left, Socialists and Green party supporters. Yet Macron's candidates are projected to win in a greater number of districts than their leftist rivals, giving the president a majority.

More than 6,000 candidates, ranging from 18 to 92, ran for 577 seats in France's National Assembly in the first round of the election.

France's two-round voting system is complex and not proportionate to the nationwide support for a party. For races that did not have a decisive winner Sunday, up to four candidates who got at least 12.5%

support each will compete in a second round of voting June 19.

After Macron's reelection in May, his centrist coalition was seeking an absolute majority that would enable it to implement his campaign promises, which include tax cuts and raising France's retirement age from 62 to 65.

But Sunday's projection show Macron's party and allies could have trouble getting more than half the seats at the Assembly, much less than five years ago, when they won 361 seats. Polling agencies estimated that Macron's centrists could win from 255 to over 300 seats, while the leftist coalition led by Jean-Luc Melenchon could win more than 200 seats.

Turnout reached a record low for a parliamentary election, with less than half of France's 48.7 million voters casting ballots.

Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said "we have one week of action, one week to convince, one week to get a strong and clear majority."

"Faced with the situation in the world and the war at Europe's doors, we cannot take the risk of instability," she said, urging voters to

gather behind Macron's alliance in the second round. "Faced with extremes, we will not yield."

Melenchon, who had hoped the election would vault him into the prime minister's post, did not accept the preliminary projections, insisting that his coalition came in first.

Melenchon urged the French to choose his coalition's candidates in the second round and "definitively reject the doomed projects of the majority of Macron." His platform included a significant minimum wage increase, lowering the retirement age to 60 and locking in energy prices, which have been soaring due to the war in Ukraine.

Outside a voting station in a working-class district of Paris, voters debated whether to support Macron's party for the sake of smooth governance.

"When you have a parliament that's not completely in line with the government, that enables more interesting conversations and discussions," said Dominique Debarre, a retired scientist. "But on the other hand, (a split) is always in some way a sign of failure."

China accuses US of trying to 'hijack' support in Asia

By Sywalludin Zain and David Rising

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — China's defense minister accused the United States on Sunday of trying to "hijack" the support of countries in the Asia-Pacific region to turn them against Beijing, saying Washington is seeking to advance its own interests "under the guise of multilateralism."

Defense Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe lashed out at U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, rejecting his "smearing accusation" the day before at the Shangri-La Dialogue that China was causing instability with its claim to the self-governing island of Taiwan and its increased military activity in the area.

Austin had stressed the need for multilateral partnerships with nations in the Indo-Pacific, which Wei suggested was an attempt to back China into a corner.

"No country should impose its will on others or bully others under the guise of multilateralism," he said. "The strategy is an attempt to build an exclusive small group in the name of a free and open Indo-Pacific to hijack countries in our region and target one specific country — it is a strategy to create conflict and confrontation to contain and encircle others."

China has been modernizing its military and seeking to expand its influence in the region, recently signing a security agreement with the Solomon Islands that many fear could lead to a Chinese naval base in the Pacific, and breaking ground this past week on a naval port expansion project in Cambodia that could give Beijing a foothold in the Gulf of Thailand.

Last year U.S. officials accused China of testing a hypersonic missile, a weapon harder for missile



Chinese Defense Minister Gen. Wei Fenghe, left, accused the U.S. of "meddling in the affairs of our region" with South China Sea and Taiwan Strait patrols. ROSLAN RAHMAN/GETTY-AFP

defense systems to counter, but China insisted it had been a "routine test of a spacecraft."

Answering a question about the test on Sunday, Wei came the closest so far to acknowledging it was, indeed, a hypersonic missile, saying, "As for hypersonic weapons, many countries are developing weapons, and I think there's no surprise that China is doing so."

"China will develop its military," he added. "I think it's natural."

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken last month said China represented the "most serious long-term challenge to the international order" for the United States, with its claims to Taiwan and efforts to dominate the strategic South China Sea.

The U.S. and its allies have responded with so-called freedom of navigation patrols in the South China Sea and Taiwan Strait, sometimes encountering a pushback from China's military.

Wei accused the U.S. of "meddling in the affairs of our region" with the patrols, and "flexing the muscles by sending warships and warplanes on a rampage in

the South China Sea."

China has squared off with the Philippines and Vietnam, among others, over maritime claims, and Wei said it was up to the countries in the region to find their own solutions.

"China calls for turning the South China Sea into a sea of peace, friendship and cooperation," he said.

Taiwan and China split during a civil war in 1949, but China claims the island as its own territory and has not ruled out the use of military force to take it, while maintaining it is a domestic political issue.

Washington follows a "one-China" policy, which recognizes Beijing but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei. It provides arms to Taiwan and follows a "strategic ambiguity" approach about how far it would be willing to go to defend Taiwan in the face of a Chinese invasion. At the same time, it does not support Taiwanese independence.

President Joe Biden raised eyebrows last month saying that the U.S. would intervene militarily if Taiwan were attacked, though the White House later said the comments did not reflect a policy shift.

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OPINION

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Brothers and sisters in aid and support

By Bradley D. Woodworth

The military and humanitarian support being provided to Ukraine by three small countries in northern Europe — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, situated along the southern shore of the Baltic Sea — is gathering attention. Their aid is not as large in overall size as that of the United States, the United Kingdom or Poland. But when viewed in terms of population size (these countries have 1.3 million, just under 2 million and 2.8 million people each), the Baltic states are giving more than anyone in the world.

In Seattle on a recent weekend, ambassadors to the United States from the Baltic countries made clear the resolve of their governments and people to help Ukrainians turn back the Russian invasion and to provide them aid. The ambassadors spoke at a plenary session of the bi-annual conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies. Attending the conference were 250 scholars throughout North America and Europe, with many from the three Baltic countries.

Estonian Ambassador Kristjan Prikk told the conference that the Baltic countries acted early and boldly in providing military aid to Ukraine. “The Baltic countries helped turn the course of history,” he said, enabling Ukraine to fight Russia’s forces effectively. Soon after the invasion began in February, Estonia sent the Ukrainians anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons. Estonia, he told the conference, has up to now sent military equipment equivalent to one-third of the country’s entire defense budget. Moreover, Estonia has taken in more than 40,000 Ukrainian refugees, which has increased the number of people in the country by 3%.

Lithuania has provided home to even more Ukrainians — 54,000, amounting to nearly 2% of the country’s population, said Laima Jurevičienė, consul general of Lithuania in Los Angeles. Jurevičienė drew attention to the large number of forced deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia, including children without parents. It is feared that these children will remain in Russia, amounting to state-sponsored kidnapping.

“We must strengthen our alliance and cooperation,” she said, adding that energy independence from Russia must be the goal for all of Europe.

“The Baltic states need to be listened to,” Ambassador to the United States from Latvia Māris Selga said. “We were not surprised by this invasion; we had been warning about this for years.”

He explained that the Baltic countries are not anti-Russian and that before Russia’s initial invasion of Ukraine in 2014 had good trade relations with their huge neighbor to the east. But only when Russia is no longer an aggressor will the Baltic countries be willing to engage again in trade relations.

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia share with



European Union Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis, from left, Estonian Ambassador Kristjan Prikk and German Ambassador Emily Haber confer as European diplomats join senators to discuss the Russian invasion of Ukraine at the Capitol in Washington in March. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Ukraine the fate of being part of the USSR: Ukraine from the establishment of the USSR in 1922 and the Baltic states from 1940, when they were forcibly annexed following the agreement of Joseph Stalin and Adolph Hitler in August 1939 to divide eastern and central Europe between them.

Why are the three Baltic countries supporting Ukraine with such determination? They know what it means to be invaded by Russia, for war to ravage their countries and for thousands of citizens to be forcibly deported. They fear that should Russia be successful in seizing power in Ukraine, they could be next.

“This is also about us — it is existential for us,” Prikk said. “Ukraine for [Vladimir] Putin is what Poland was for Hitler. If we don’t stop him there, things will only get worse.”

With the anticipated expansion this summer of NATO to include Finland and Sweden, security will improve for all the countries with shores on the Baltic Sea (Poland, Germany and Denmark). “We have to strengthen NATO’s posture throughout the region,” Prikk said. “We don’t want any military adviser to Putin to recommend that he can expand his attacks.”

The Baltic governments oppose the notion that peace between Ukraine and

Russia can be achieved by allowing Russia to keep some territory in eastern Ukraine. “This would only encourage Russia elsewhere,” Prikk said. Selga added, “It is the Ukrainians who get to decide what to do vis-à-vis Russia.”

The insights of scholars from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are strengthened by these countries’ long experience within the USSR, by their familiarity with Russia and skills in Russian they retain. Judging from the presentations from scholars from the Baltic countries, these countries see clearly the nature of the threat from Russia, and yet have a deep confidence that they are ready to respond.

Deividas Šlekys, a specialist in military studies at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University in Lithuania, described three pillars of Lithuania’s national defense: conventional warfare, preparedness for waging an insurgency and a readiness for civil, non-military resistance. Lessons are certainly being learned from the response of Ukrainians to Russia’s invasion. Lithuania, he said, is preparing for the possible need for “total defense.” Should the country face an attacking force, “Everyone will be involved.”

One of the central strengths not only for

Lithuania, but also for Latvia and Estonia, is the high level of trust in these countries’ societies — trust between political leaders, the military, the press and civic organizations. “In small states, everybody knows everyone else,” he said, admitting that this is much harder to achieve in large countries like the United States.

Andis Kudors, a visiting scholar from Latvia at George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs, described the Kremlin’s use of destructive “sharp power” aimed at its democratic neighbors — disinformation, control over narratives and spin-doctoring — influence very different from the attractions central to “soft power.”

Scholars from the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are not only giving the world lessons in work and self-sacrifice for the benefit of Ukraine — a country undergoing an unjustified, murderous attack. They are also teaching us how to guarantee our own security, how to maintain open and free government, and how to trust each other and work together for the common good.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After New York and Texas, it’s time to speak out

The adage “preaching to the choir” has become a derogatory anecdote used by people who understand the severity of the problem but see no inherent value of even shining light in that direction. Preaching to the choir has always been the first step in forming an overwhelming tidal wave of focused people singing the same tune.

With what happened in New York and Texas these past two weeks, I can only hope most of the country is in the process of clearing their throats.

Michael Cashman, Newington

Vilifying one side won’t help your argument

When planes were used to kill people on 9/11, I don’t remember anyone blaming the planes. Whenever a knife or a car or a bomb is used to kill people, no one blames the knife, car or bomb, but when a gun is used to kill

people, leftists immediately blame the gun and call for restrictions and bans. What they fail to ask is, “Why is this happening now?”

We have had the Constitutional right to bear arms for over two centuries, but mass shootings are a recent phenomenon, so what has changed? Mr. Cashman might want to research that before he writes another letter to the editor [Children’s lives mean little to the right] castigating and mislabeling Republicans as uncaring in the face of horrible death. People can be equally horrified and yet have different opinions on what measures will help, but vilifying the other side will do nothing either to advance one’s opinion or to facilitate rational debate.

Ellen O’Shaughnessy, Ellington

Have your AR-15, but keep it locked in a facility

Every single one of us of sound mind and able body should own, learn to operate and practice with the likes of an AR-15, the civilian version of the combat-ready M16. If or

when the time comes, those of us who own and understand how to use these weapons might very well save our country from a Vladimir Putin. But while we’re all waiting for him to invade, these things need to be controlled, locked in a facility where we have limited and restricted access. Go to this guarded and gated facility, sign the weapon out, shoot it all day into a sand pile. When you’re done, bring it back in for safe keeping. You can’t leave the facility until you have. And upon Putin’s eventual invasion, all facilities are opened for you to go get your weapon and use it as it is meant to be used. In combat. There’s no other sensible reason to be walking around with one of these things. None.

Mark Harris, Newington

Teachers prepare while in perpetual fear

I am close to horror that continues to happen in our schools. Every day that I go to work as a substitute teacher, I’m screened to get into a locked building. I am versed in the

procedures for lockdown, staying in place and evacuating. Each building and each classroom has a specific protocol for safe places to go in an emergency. I’ve been made aware of communication protocols in case of an active shooter. I’m also part of the regular practice drills.

I can see, feel and hear the fear children have (as young as 5) when they think of what could happen. I am touched as well by their bravery in adjusting to this reality without panic, knowing this happens rarely, but knowing it can anytime. Students do a remarkable job of rapidly transitioning during drills. But they also look to the teachers and staff to protect them. If somehow I knew that an active shooter would be in school on any given day, I would run to be there to help keep kids safe, as would the dedicated colleagues I know. Perhaps lawmakers debating gun control should take time to survey these scenes of horrific carnage in person. It would be the next-best reality other than actually being there, under fire.

Cynthia Sederquest, Tolland

Jan. 6 hearings’ vital task is to show Americans what happened

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. presidential election of 1800 was and remains the most important election in world history — the first in which an incumbent party peacefully transferred power to the party that had defeated it. Perhaps the second-most important election, it is mortifying to acknowledge, was that of 2020. Twenty-two decades after this nation gave the world a glimpse of glittering political possibilities, this nation saw how perishable democratic manners are, even where they first prevailed.

The congressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, and the planning of it, can present facts crucial to Congress’s performing this legitimate function: supplying the public with information indispensable to understanding itself. The information’s importance can be, but need not be, related to some legislative purpose. Telling an important story can be sufficient. Assembling the narrative of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination, thereby dispelling conspiracy theories corrosive of social trust, was a sufficient justification for the 1963-1964 Warren Commission.

The Jan. 6 committee will forfeit the public’s limited trust in it — and the public’s limited interest in it — if members pursue preexisting progressive agendas, such as

abolition of the electoral college or other changes to election law. Furthermore, Congress has neither a constitutional power nor an institutional aptitude for building a criminal case against Donald Trump. If the committee attempts this, it will sink into the quicksand of fascinating but legally problematic definitions of “conspiracy,” and of speech that becomes illegal by “inciting” the illegality.

Pre-television, perhaps the most flamboyant congressional hearings were those of the Senate Munitions Committee under Sen. Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, the progressive Republican and fervid isolationist chosen by the Senate’s Democratic majority to investigate suspicions that munitions makers — stigmatized as “merchants of death” — were to blame for U.S. entry into World War I. After 93 hearings, which began in 1934, the committee was abruptly defunded in 1936 because Nye suggested that President Woodrow Wilson had withheld pertinent information as Congress considered declaring war. The Senate’s official webpage says Democratic leaders assailed Nye, with Sen. Carter Glass of Virginia decrying him for “dirt-daubing the sepulcher of Woodrow Wilson.” The webpage continues: “Standing before cheering colleagues in a packed Senate Chamber, Glass slammed his fist onto his desk until blood dripped from his knuckles.”

Then came television, and congressional

hearings as spectacles, some useful, some inadvertently so. From 1950 to 1951, television turned Sen. Estes Kefauver’s Special Committee on Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce into national entertainment and turned the Tennessee Democrat into a presidential aspirant. (He would be the Democrats’ 1956 vice-presidential nominee.) Again, the Senate webpage: “Schools dismissed students to watch the hearings. Blood banks ran low on donations, prompting one ... to install a television and tune in to the hearings, and donations shot up 100 percent.” When Kefauver’s committee was due to expire in February 1951, protests from an addicted public got it extended until September. Two years later, Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, chairing the televised 1953-1954 investigation of supposed communist influence in the Army, committed political suicide by being repulsive in front of a national audience that had hitherto only read about him.

Select committees have riveted the nation by informing it about the Watergate (1973) and Iran-Contra (1987) scandals. But in those bygone days, before political tribalism suffocated many Americans’ capacity for independent judgment, there was broad agreement that something deplorable had occurred in each case. And the hearings broadened agreement about that.

Today, Republicans have almost entirely shunned the Jan. 6 committee, and the

Republican National Committee has described as “legitimate political discourse” the mob action that included smearing interior surfaces of the Capitol with feces. Furthermore, the comportment of senators of both parties during televised confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominees indicates that many people now in Congress are incapable of disinterested inquiries. Americans, numbed by the dregs of American society behaving badly in high political offices, will not pay protracted attention to the committee.

Still, the committee can usefully provide testimony about how on that day the president — surrounded by lickspittle mediocrities and allied with many such in both houses of Congress — reaped what he and they had sown: chaos. But the committee’s first, most important and sufficient task is to show what happened.

Video cameras are ubiquitous: Even the rioters carried smartphones as well as stupid banners. Today, most people absorb most of what they learn about public matters from pictures. By disseminating the graphic record of Jan. 6, the committee can serve the nation by deepening its embarrassment, which is a necessary first step toward the recovery of its dignity.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

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East Hartford
Jane S. Gwozdz

Hartford
Carmen A. Easinsky

West Hartford
Marcia I. Baran

Enfield
Jane S. Gwozdz

Wethersfield
Carmen A. Easinsky

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OBITUARIES

Baran, Marcia I.

On April 12, 2022 Marcia Baran passed away after a brief illness. Born in Hartford on September 28, 1944 she was the daughter of the late Esther and Saul Baran. She leaves behind her brother Richard Baran and his wife Carol of Vienna, VA, her niece Lauren Lang (Brian) of Bethesda, MD and her nephew Brian Baran (Emily) of Washington, DC. She had three grand nephews Jacob Lang, Lucas Lang and Matthew Baran.

A grave site service will be held Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1 PM at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery in East Granby, CT. A memorial period will be observed Wednesday at 42 Lawler Road, West Hartford starting at 3:00 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Federation for the Blind.
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Easinsky, Carmen AnnLabbe



Carmen Ann (Labbe) Easinsky 90, beloved and supportive mother, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 27, 2022 and is now with her husband Walter and her family and friends.

Born January 14, 1932 and raised in Winslow, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Imelda and Arthur Labbe. She attended Winslow schools, graduating from Winslow High School, Class of 1950. After graduating, Carmen was employed by Wyandotte Mill, Winslow, as a Secretary. In 1951, she moved to Wethersfield. She was married to the love of her life, Walter for over 50 years prior to his passing in 2002. Carmen will be remembered for her constant involvement helping others live a better life as a dedicated Altar Server and Lector at the Church of the Incarnation, a member of several organizations, to include; the Daughters of Isabella (Knights of Columbus), the Wethersfield Senior Citizens, the Tuesday Bowling League at Bowl-o-Rama, Newington for 45 years, the Golf League at Goodwin Park for 40 years, along with serving as a Certified EMT with the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association. In addition, she would visit the infirmed and elderly at nursing homes, gifting them her homemade afghan lap blankets. She will be forever missed by her family: son, Keith Easinsky with his wife Susan, of Spring, TX; cousin, the late Gloria Simpson of Winslow, ME; Aunt Rita Bedard and family of Taunton, MA; three nieces, Ann Moran of Norfolk, MA, Annette Burton and Suzie Cox, both of St. Louis, MO; four nephews, Mark Lantiegne of Wethersfield, Jimmy Poulin, Tommy Poulin and Skip Davis; and many dear and wonderful friends. In addition to her husband and mother, Carmen was sadly predeceased by her beloved son David, who passed away in June 7th, 2021, as well as two sisters, Lillian Poulin and Lucille Lantiegne, who was her best friend as well as her sister, and her brother, Raymond Labbe. She is reunited with her family and friends with God in heaven, where she will continue providing love, protection and guidance from above. Honoring Carmen's wishes, we will be including her son David at her services, as he will be interred with her. Carmen and David's funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 15, with calling hours at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St., Wethersfield. Interment will follow the Mass in Cedar Hill Cemetery (Section 26), Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Carmen's memory are suggested to Wethersfield Ambulance as she was a member. To share a memory of Carmen with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Gwozdz, Jane S. (Trela)



Jane S. (Trela) Gwozdz entered into eternal life in the love of the Lord on June 9, 2022. She was 98 years old. Jane was born in Adams, Massachusetts on March 23, 1924 to immigrant Polish parents: Stanley and Helen (Piekos) Trela. When she was one and a half years old, she and her family moved from America to Poland at the request of her grandmother

Anna Trela to operate the family farm in Pulanki, a hamlet of the town of Frysztak. In Poland Jane attended local schools. When the Second World War broke out in Poland, she and her family endured the hardships of the civilian population during the Nazi and later the Soviet occupation. In December 1946, she joined her father when he returned to the United States. In the years that followed, four of her siblings did the same. Shortly after her arrival, Jane worked briefly at the Bigelow – Sanford Carpet Company in Enfield, Connecticut. On October 30, 1948 she married John J. Gwozdz, her beloved husband of 60 years at Saint Adalbert Church. They made their home in Enfield where they raised three children. Jane was a communicant of Saint Adalbert's and sang in its choir. After her husband died, she placed herself under the wonderful care of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Saint Joseph's residence in Enfield where she lived for more than 11 years. Jane was predeceased by her husband John, her sisters, Emily, Eugenia, and Mary, and her brothers, Julian, Joseph, and Zdzislaw. She leaves her daughter, and son-in-law, Barbara and Michael Hill of Toledo, Ohio, her sons, Rev. John Gwozdz of East Hartford and Raymond Gwozdz of Enfield, her grandchildren, Andrea Creasy of Jacksonville, Florida and Jonathon Hill of Toledo, and her great-grandchildren Kayla and Kevin Michael Creasy of Jacksonville. Jane was a devoted wife, especially during her husband's final years, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her quiet strength, her sweet and agreeable nature and her strong Catholic faith, with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother. She enjoyed reading, painting and needlepoint. Jane's funeral will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. from Browne Memorial Chapels, 43 Shaker Rd., Enfield, CT followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Church of St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, 64 Pearl Street, Enfield, CT. Her son Fr. John will be the celebrant. Burial will take place at Saint Adalbert Cemetery in Enfield. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, June 15, from 4-7 p.m. at Browne Memorial Chapels. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082. For online condolences please visit www.brownefuneralhome.com

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Lockdown drills face added scrutiny

Some say school practices are ineffective, heighten anxieties

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

A voice sounds over the school PA system. Students drop their pencils and leave their desks as the teacher locks the door, shuts the blinds, and turns off the lights. In silence, the students sit in the furthest corner of the room, out of view, waiting.

In classrooms across Connecticut and the U.S., students practice for the threat of an active shooter.

The recent tragedy in Uvalde, Texas, relaunched the conversation on school security and preparedness procedures, placing added scrutiny on lockdown drills for school children and examining how schools present safety exercises, their effectiveness and potential detriments.

While advocates see lockdown drills as a necessary and useful readiness tool, organizations such as the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers say they are against active shooter drills for students, citing a lack of evidence that these drills are effective in an emergency and research linking drills to increased anxiety.

A 2020 study by the NEA, AFT, Everytown for Gun Safety and Georgia Tech researchers found that parents, teachers and kindergarten to high school-age students from over 100 schools in more than 30 states experienced increased stress, depression and other physiological health problems following lockdown and other active shooter drills.

“Concerns over death increased by 22%, with words like blood, pain, clinics and pills becoming a consistent feature of social media posts in school communities in the 90 days after a school drill,” the report states. “These findings unveil even more reason to pause before rushing toward active shooter drills as a potential solution to school

violence, as evidence suggests that they are causing lasting emotional and physical harm to students, teachers and the larger community.”

Paula Gill Lopez serves on the executive board of the Connecticut Association of School Psychologists and is the chair of Connecticut’s School Safety and Crisis Response Committee. She is also the director of the school psychology program at Fairfield University. Gill Lopez said that lockdown drills can be a controversial topic.

“You don’t want to do harm, but you also need to be prepared,” Gill Lopez said. “You

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Hoping to exonerate ‘witches’ of Connecticut

‘Hanging of Rebecca’ puts 1662 trials on center stage

By Alison Cross
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — If you haven’t heard of the Connecticut witch trials, which happened three decades before the infamous Salem trials, this playwright wants to change that.

Debra Walsh hopes to educate, entertain and encourage audiences to push for the exoneration of Connecticut’s witch-hunt victims with her new play, “The Hanging of Rebecca,” which follows Rebecca Greensmith and two other colonial women amid the panic of the 1662 Connecticut witch trials.

The Noah Webster House in West Hartford will host a staged reading of the play the weekend of June 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m., and June 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at the door for \$12 or online at noahwebster.yapsody.com at \$10 for the public and \$5 for museum members, senior citizens and students.

A social hour will follow the 45-minute show and include a chance to help those sentenced to death find a pardon, according to the press release.

Walsh, who has spent more than 30 years in Connecticut as an actor, playwright,

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Lydia Gilbert, whose memorial brick is on the town green of Windsor, was one of 11 people executed as witches in Connecticut. JESSICA HILL/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Arts & Ideas festival is back in full swing

Music, shows and more on tap — and a lot of it is free

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

After two years of exciting though largely virtual programming, New Haven’s International Festival of Arts & Ideas is fully back, with dozens of free outdoor concerts and events on the New Haven Green, plus dozens of indoor shows, lectures, gallery exhibits and more at venues through downtown New Haven.

The multifaceted festival was founded more than a quarter century ago to bring cutting-edge theater and music projects to Connecticut from around the world. Arts & Ideas has become one of the state’s top tourist events of the summer, at a time when downtown New Haven would otherwise be desolate after the Yale campus has emptied out.

For years, Arts & Ideas mainly happened for two weeks in mid-June, but Executive Director Shelley Quiala, who was brought on board in 2020 and was able to organize full (if mainly online) festivals in 2020 and 2021 despite COVID-19, has extended the programming this year so that the main festival began in May and continues through June 26. Special events are held at

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People turn out for rides and more on Sunday for the second day of Celebrate! West Hartford, which returned to the town hall grounds for the first time since 2019. SEAN FOWLER PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Celebrating in style in West Hartford

It was a beautiful weekend for the return of Celebrate! West Hartford to the town hall grounds for the first time since 2019. The festival featured an arts and crafts fair, carnival rides, food, live music and a 5K run and kids half-mile dash.



ABOVE: West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor dances with her mother, Rose Granow, 94, to the music of Latanya Farrell. RIGHT: Iliana Gemme approves her face paint with a smile.



The Woodbridge Country Club clubhouse — a building that was once occupied by members only — is boarded up. The town purchased the property on Woodfield Road — a golf course, pool and clubhouse — for \$7 million in 2009. COURANT FILE PHOTOS

Country club may become housing, solar installation

Woodbridge looking at ways to combine residents’ wishes

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

The fate of the 155-acre Country Club of Woodbridge property and main building remains in a holding pattern — for now.

First Selectwoman Beth Heller said she expects the Board of Selectmen to draft a request for proposal by the end of summer that could combine the wishes of the majority of residents.

After years of packed public discussions, controversy, Heller said the RFP would address multiple needs.

“The size of the CCW property provides flexibility and the ability to accommodate several uses including housing, open space, recreation and possibly solar,” Heller said.

“This property remains an issue because it is the largest tract of town-owned land in a residential zone. The parcel has access to public sewer and water, which is not common in Woodbridge, and therefore provides an opportunity for multifamily housing.”

Some residents feel strongly the property should remain a refuge for wildlife and passive recreation, and yet another group is interested in putting solar panels at the property.

The Board of Selectmen is trying to find a way to make all three happen, Heller said.

The town purchased the property on Woodfield Road — a golf course, pool and clubhouse — for \$7 million in 2009 to keep it from being developed after the owners went bankrupt. Since then, a golf course has failed financially and the pool, kept open longer than the building, has closed.

The question of what to do with the property has become a political hot button. The site is in a residential neighborhood and across the street from Route 15 (thought not near an entrance or exit ramp) and around the corner from New Haven.

The building that once was occupied by members-only stands faded and boarded up. The structure, closed to the public, is secure, Heller said.

The pool has been filled with sand. The hiking/walking area on the property is

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Shooting marks Hartford’s 17th homicide of the year

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A man was killed in a shooting early Sunday in Hartford, police said. Police responded about 3:15 a.m. to the area of 57 Babcock Street after someone called 911 to report that a person had been shot, according to the Hartford Police

Department. Officers found a man dead when they arrived, police said. This was the 17th homicide in Hartford of 2022. The Major Crimes Division was continuing the investigation Sunday morning. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Hartford police tip line at 860-722-TIPS.

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rich with plants, wildlife and has become a popular passive recreation area in town. Hints of the once popular and well-tended golf course emerge at various intervals, such as the overgrown sand trap. Heller said multifamily housing “with a component of affordable housing” will generate taxes to offset town expenses, as well as diversify the town’s housing stock “to include smaller more affordable housing for both young families and retirees.” She said taxes are largely driven by education costs, which has made some residents concerned about adding more families. On the other hand, “Some residents feel very strongly that the property is beautiful in its natural state and should remain a

refuge for wildlife and passive recreation such as hiking and exploring nature,” Heller said. She said the town has also explored putting solar panels in various parts of town, and “the former CCW is one of the few parcels with access to three-phase power where we could put a large-scale solar installation.” “It remains clear that the town needs additional revenue and diverse housing, and this parcel is certainly one way toward achieving those goals,” Heller said. A solar farm could also bring in revenue to offset energy costs on the site, she said. “I also believe this parcel is particularly beautiful, and I understand residents’ desire to protect it,” Heller said.

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other times of the year as well. The 2022 festival is hitting its stride with a new opera by singer/songwriter Toshi Reagon and Bernice Johnson Reagon, based on the Octavia E. Butler novel “Parable of the Sower,” June 21 and 22 at the Shubert Theatre. The Long Wharf Theatre is co-presenting a work-in-progress musical performance piece, “Capsule” by Whitney White and Peter Mark Kendall, June 23 for free on the green. Major music acts on the green include jazz/gospel star Gregory Porter June 19 at 8:45 p.m. and a “Symphony Goes to the Zoo” set by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra featuring “live animals and animal artifacts” June 21 at 2:30 p.m. There’s a Latin dance night on the Green June 15 with Bridgeport’s Orquesta Afinke and Grammy-winning Cuban singer/guitarist Alex Cuba. Evelyn “Champagne” King headlines an R&B/soul revue on the green June 24 at 6 p.m. There are dozens of local bands and children’s music acts on the green as well, sometimes several times a day. The festivals’ “Ideas” slate of lectures, demonstrations and book readings include “The Pursuit of Happiness: How To Reconnect with Yourself” with Yale professors Laurie Santos and Tamar Gendler June 15; “The Power of Choice in Climate Change” with Paul Greenberg June 22; and “A History of Ballroom” with drag ball veterans Miss Shalae and Aishah “Spyder” Murray on June 24. There are more than a dozen Ideas events before the festival ends,



Jazz/gospel great Gregory Porter is among the free concerts happening on New Haven Green this month thanks to the rejuvenated International Festival of Arts & Ideas. COURTESY ARTS & IDEAS

and they are all free. Among the storytelling events are “Stir the Style: A Storytelling Mashup” featuring singer/songwriter Lys Guillorn and an all-star storyteller line-up including Chicago’s Nestor Gomez and Connecticut’s Terry Wolfisch Cole and on June 18, and the “She Speaks” storytelling collaborative on June 22. Dallas Black Dance Theatre makes its Connecticut debut June 14 and 15 at the Yale University Theater. There’s special Juneteenth programming on June 19 with concerts, a bike ride, an appearance by chef and food activist Bryant Terry, a Juneteenth Village of vendors and artisans and an Elders Honoring Ceremony. A day of fashion events on June 18 stars local designer Neville Wisdom. A complete schedule of Arts & Ideas, which runs through June 26, is at artidea.org. Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.

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producer and arts educator, said she spent countless hours researching “The Hanging of Rebecca,” piecing together the lives of women whose stories were documented exclusively by men. “It’s a story about someone who has been lost in women’s history,” Walsh said. What started as a historical reenactment has transformed into a social-justice piece, Walsh said. She hopes that “The Hanging of Rebecca” will lead to a state pardon for Connecticut’s witch-trial victims, a memorial and a living museum where actors can share the stories of the wrongfully accused. Too often, Walsh said, history remembers those accused of witchcraft as “witches” and not as innocent victims. She wants “The Hanging of Rebecca” to challenge that idea. “There’s an opportunity to use theater as a way to get people to engage in civic conversation,” Walsh said. “Theater is a place where you can tell a story with the intent of helping people to learn by looking at it.” Natalie Belanger works at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library and teaches annual programs on the history of witchcraft in Connecticut. Belanger explained the importance of this often overlooked part of early colonial history. “When most people think about witchcraft in colonial America, they think of the Salem witch trials, but the first person executed for witchcraft in English, North America, was actually from Connecticut.” — Natalie Belanger, Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library

“When most people think about witchcraft in colonial America, they think of the Salem witch trials, but the first person executed for witchcraft in English, North America, was actually from Connecticut.”

11 executions in the state. The first hanging took place in Hartford 1647. The final executions for witchcraft occurred during the 1662 panic. Belanger said that after the trials, Connecticut’s then-governor John Winthrop Jr., who was away in England, returned to the colony determined to change the witch-trial process. “Winthrop uses his influence to convince the courts to adopt a stricter standard for what constitutes evidence at a witch trial. And the standard is so strict that it actually makes it pretty much impossible to convict anyone of witchcraft in Connecticut after that,” Belanger said. Although it’s easy for modern-day observers to view witch trials as hysterical accusations, Belanger said, it’s important to consider the culture in New England during this time. Folk magic and fortune-telling were commonplace, and the line blurred between what society deemed acceptable vs. occult. Puritan colonists viewed themselves as innately sinful, and three-quarters of accused “witches” were women because the church considered them spiritually weaker and more likely to give in to temptation than men. Belanger said that this, combined with religious infighting, political upheaval and unexplained tragedy, created the perfect environment for supernatural finger-pointing. “It’s really hard to get inside the minds of people in the 17th century. Like, they’re aliens to us,” Belanger said. “I have found that talking about witch panics since the pandemic, it really connects more with audiences because they kind of understand better what it’s like to live in a culture that’s not OK.” More information on “The Hanging of Rebecca” is available at noahwebster-house.org. Alison Cross can be reached at across@courant.com.

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want everyone to know what to do, but you also want to keep kids safe emotionally so that they’re not worried about it all the time, and you’re not going to give them PTSD because of the exercise.” Gill Lopez emphasized the importance of speaking with parents, students and educators about lockdown drills before they take place to answer the questions students might have concerning their safety during school. Additionally, Gill-Lopez recommended that schools modify lockdown drills for students with severe anxiety, sensory processing disorders or other disabilities, such as assigning a student buddy to ease stress or removing the student from the first drill to conduct a walk-through lesson instead. After the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, Mark Pompano, the director of security for Newtown Public Schools, said that it became important for the school district to perform lockdown drills in an educational and non-traumatizing manner. Pompano said that Newtown follows guidelines provided by the National Association of School Psychologists, alerting students, parents and staff that a lockdown drill will take place well in advance, and ensuring that teachers talk through the drill with their students in an age-appropriate manner. “Before my time [at Newtown], they used to conduct lockdown drills without any notice to anybody. The staff didn’t know, very few people knew, and ... it caused a lot of angst and panic,” Pompano said. “⁴¹/₁₄ changed a lot of things as far as how you prepare a drill and practice. It’s a lot less psychologically traumatizing now. ... I think you learn better when you have a chance to think and things are explained to you first before just being told to lockdown.” About 96% of American public schools perform lockdown drills with their students, according to a 2020 report by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics using survey data from the 2017-18 school year. Students in Connecticut have performed lockdown drills for more than two decades. In June of 2000, the Connecticut General Assembly updated the state’s school drill laws to mandate that every three months schools perform a crisis response drill in lieu of a monthly fire drill. Districts follow varying implementation methods for these procedures. School officials decide whether to hold the lockdown exercise announced or provide students, teachers and parents with notice of the drill before the lockdown starts, such as at the beginning of the school day. Some communicate that the lockdown is a drill at the start of the exercise. Others disclose this after the drill’s completion. Eric Dency, director of security for West Hartford Public Schools, said that one way his district has demystified the lockdown procedure is by selecting students to participate in drills with the security team. “It gives students a sense of participation and involvement in the security process, and we’ve found that’s been a very positive thing,” Dency said. “They get to see how drills work from the other side, and we hope that they can go back and explain to other students what took place in a lockdown drill, what they saw, what they need to do and why it’s important to be quiet during a lockdown drill. “We want students to be prepared and not scared during a crisis.” At public schools in West Hartford and Glastonbury, officials said they announce the first drill of the year and perform the rest of the school drills unannounced. Glastonbury Superintendent Alan Bookman said that when a lockdown order comes as a surprise, his students think of it in the same manner as fire drills. “When there’s a fire drill, they line right up and they leave the building. There’s not a whole lot of thought. They don’t think, ‘Is it a real fire?’ ” Bookman said. “The same thing is true of a lockdown drill. They don’t necessarily think, ‘Are we in a dangerous situation? Is this a drill?’ ... They don’t give a whole lot of thought to [lockdown drills], and that’s what you want to have happen.” The National Association of School Psychologists said they do not recommend unannounced lockdown and other active shooter drills in schools. “While one of the primary goals of crisis preparedness is to develop a sense of empowerment and control, poorly conducted armed assailant drills may cause physical and psychological harm and negatively affect the overall learning environment,” NASP writes. “Unannounced drills can cause unnecessary fear and strong emotional and physical reactions.”

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

‘BENEDICTION’: In Terence Davies’ “Benediction,” a moving portrait of English war poet Siegfried Sassoon, the blessing bestowed is both literal and cinematic. While older Siegfried (Peter Capaldi) receives a blessing from a priest while converting to Catholicism, much to the chagrin of his adult son, George (Richard Goulding), the true benediction of “Benediction” is much more than just the on-screen ritual. The blessing of the film is the film itself, and the extraordinary grace that Davies extends toward his subject, a poet who made his pain public but had to keep his intimate life private. 2:17. 3 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Services*

‘HUSTLE’: If a long sigh were a person, he would be NBA scout Stanley Suger-man (Adam Sandler). He’s burned out and his dreams have been dashed. Or as tells his wife (Queen Lati-fah): “Guys in their 50s don’t have dreams, they have nightmares. And eczema.” So he swallows his pride and drags his suitcase through Europe, looking for potential inter-national draft picks. When he arrives in Spain, he spies a 6-foot-9 ringer in Timberlands (Utah Jazz power forward Juancho Hernangomez) crush-ing it in a street game and walking away with a fistful of cash. That’s one kind of hustle the title is referring to. There’s another — of a man past his prime who perks up when he spots a diamond in the rough. Stanley is convinced this humble construction worker named Bo Cruz is his next great find. His boss with the Philadel-phia 76ers says no way, the guy’s a nobody, so Stan-

ley brings the kid back to the States anyway, on his own dime. But wait, there’s another kind of hustle at play — of the drive needed to compete at the NBA level. Bo is quiet and inexperienced and some-times rattled by trash talk. There’s an assault charge from his past that compli-cates matters. But he has Stanley in his corner. Poor beaten-down Stanley, who believes in this kid. And friends, you have yourselves a sports drama. Streaming on Netflix. 1:57. 2 stars. — *Nina Metz, Chicago Tribune*

‘I’M CHARLIE WALKER’: It’s never a good thing when the postscript to a film based on a true story is more interesting than the actual movie itself. This is unfortunately the case with Patrick Gilles’ “I’m Charlie Walker,” a biopic about an enterprising Black trucker who won a lucra-tive contract to help clean up the largest oil spill in San Francisco Bay history in 1971 when two Stan-dard Oil tankers collided. As interview footage of the real Charlie Walker plays with text cards just before the credits roll, it’s clear that this film would have been better as a documen-tary. “I’m Charlie Walker” has all the makings of an entertaining period piece: a little-known true story, an environmental disas-ter, a colorful setting and a fascinating subject in Charlie, played by the compelling actor Mike Colter (“Luke Cage”). It should be a gripping tale of triumph over adversity set against a unique backdrop and moment in cultural history. But the narrative gets bogged down in ques-tions of permitting and licenses and blackmail, and the script has a bad case

of telling us, rather than showing, the problems that Charlie faces. Gilles manages to make every choice that renders this story completely uninter-esting. Available via video on demand. 1:18. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh*

‘THE JANES’: In 1968, a group of mostly white, mostly middle-class Chicago women formed the Jane Collective, with the Chicago Women’s Liberation Union stepping in to help a year later. At the time abortion was illegal in 30 states, including Illinois, and permitted in limited circumstances in the other 20. Jane operated a Hyde Park home called the Front, with counseling provided to pregnant women. From there, women were driven to an apartment called the Place, where the procedures were performed by a man with shadowy underworld connections identified in the documentary only as “Mike.” (For Jane, he went by the handle “Dr. Kaplan” even though he wasn’t one.) Spurred by a decade of protest and dissent, the women came out of the widespread anti-war and civil rights movements. Those movements were largely dismissive of what one Jane member sarcastically characterizes as “the woman question.” With so many women, and girls, dying from botched abortions amid grim, furtive circumstances, they felt it was time to act. Streaming on HBO Max. 1:41. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

‘JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION’: The “Jurassic Park”/“Jurassic World” franchise always favored a janky, what-should-we-



A scene from “Jurassic World Dominion.” UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT

try-this-time approach. Fans of dinosaurs and the 1993 Steven Spielberg original based on Michael Crichton’s novel, have been forgiving enough to show up for most or all of the sequels, with their new batches of dinosaurs and hilariously secondary humans. As I took my seat for a recent preview screen-ing of “Jurassic World Dominion,” the family on my left was debating which was the worst in the series so far: the second movie in the first trilogy or the second in the second. Well, it’s neither. I’m afraid it’s this new one, “Juras-sic World Dominion,” and neither its blooby story structure nor a frenetic running time of nearly two and a half hours is the prob-lem, really. The problem is filmmaking craft, and how little director Colin Trev-orrow (who made “Jurassic World”) brings to bear on the project. Something’s off here, all the way through the film’s warring person-alities and wan subplots. The results may enjoy a big haul this summer, given the film’s nostalgic Grand Finale trappings and the melding of the first trilogy’s headlines — Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Gold-blum — with the second trilogy’s nominal leads. But you know how it is with brand-name blockbusters. The IP is everything. 2:27. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘TOP GUN: MAVERICK’: It couldn’t outmane-u-ver the pandemic enemy that delayed its release for two years, but “Top Gun: Maverick” can’t lose, really. It’s a pretty good time, and often a pretty good movie. It’s cozy. And it’ll be catnip for those eager to watch Tom Cruise flash That Look. What is That Look? It’s the half-smile of insub-ordination when a superior officer (Ed Harris or Jon Hamm this time) busts test pilot and congenital speed-needer Capt. Pete “Maver-ick” Mitchell’s chops, ineffectively. It’s The Look that goes with an eternally boyish voice and demeanor. Capt. Mitchell, who lives alone in the desert with his beloved Kawasaki motor-cycle, is called to a new and time-sensitive duty by his old cohort Iceman (Val Kilmer), now a U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. Maverick has three weeks to train a group of new Top Gun aces to destroy a uranium enrichment plant in an unspecified but assuredly Slavic location. One of the trainees is Brad-ley “Rooster” Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the grudge-laden son of Maverick’s late radar intercept officer, Goose, played by Anthony Edwards back when. It’s silly-rousing enough to satisfy younger and older audiences alike. It may help to have hated the origi-nal, but I liked this one,

even though it’s not so very different from the first. Thirty-six years from now, we’ll probably be watching Cruise teaching a new cadre of flying aces. Only the planet will have changed. 2:17. 3 stars. — *Michael Phil-lips*

‘WATCHER’: In Chloe Okuno’s stylish debut “Watcher,” the title refers not just to one person, but two, when the watched becomes the watcher, the stalker and stalked swap-ping places throughout the course of this chilly psycho-logical thriller. Working in the vein of ‘70s-style horror, Okuno’s “Watcher” is in dialogue with films like Roman Polanski’s “Repul-sion” and “Rosemary’s Baby,” nods to Andrzej Zulawski’s “Possession” with its foreboding Euro-pean setting, and features a Hitchcock blonde in Julia (Maika Monroe). But those films about vulnerable women caught in voyeuris-tic traps were all directed by men, and with Okuno, a female writer/director, telling the story, it’s a very different result, one that’s emotionally and ethically complex, but undeniable in its bold clarity. 1:35. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES



Apple Music’s playlist features Brittny Spencer, from left, 6LACK and Lupe Fiasco. AP PHOTOS

Artists record songs for Juneteenth

From news services

Several artists includ-ing Bun B, Lupe Fiasco, 6LACK and Brittny Spen-cer have recorded songs honoring Juneteenth for Apple Music. Performers from differ-ent genres composed new tracks, while others recorded cover songs for the second annual play-list, “Juneteenth 2022: Freedom Songs,” which launched Friday on the streaming platform. The playlist was released more than a week before the annual holiday — also known as Emancipation Day and Freedom Day — that commemorates when the last enslaved African Americans learned about their freedom on June 19. The 16-song playlist also features reggae-dancehall singer Krayn Hawthorne and Latin rapper-singer Eladio Carrion. Fiasco said he wanted to take a different approach in creating the original song “Galveston” for the playlist. “I try to make things that establish emotion and utility so that not only can people feel it, but they can actually do some-thing with it,” said the Grammy-winning rapper. “There’s only so much util-ity you can have in music, but it all boils back down

to education and instruc-tion. ‘Galveston’ is about taking Juneteenth, which is normally a celebration of a very specific set of events — the manumission from slavery of Black folks — and approaching it from a different angle.” Alex Isley covers “We Are One,” a song by Maze featuring Frankie Beverly. “I am a daughter, I’m a mother, I’m a friend,” said Isley, the daughter of Ernie Isley of the Isley Brothers. “So, just prac-ticing gratitude. I think that’s a big part of June-teenth: the gratitude and celebration of who we are and the pride of that and the beauty and the rich-ness of our culture and our power.”

Campbell passes on ‘Scream 6’: Neve Camp-bell, who has carried the “Scream” franchise for decades as iconic final girl Sidney Prescott, recently confirmed that she won’t return for the next install-ment, citing a pay dispute. “Sadly, I won’t be making the next Scream film,” the actor said in a statement. “As a woman, I have had to work extremely hard in my career to establish my value, especially when it comes to ‘Scream.’ I felt the offer that was presented to me did not equate to the value I have brought to the

franchise.” Noting that the deci-sion to walk away from the project was “very diffi-cult,” Campbell thanked the “incredibly support-ive” fans of the “Scream” movies for their loyalty. Campbell, 48, was 23 when the first “Scream” film hit theaters in 1996 and made her a movie star. “Scream 6” is slated to open on March 31, 2023.

Freevee picks up ‘American Rust’: “American Rust” fans can now rest easy, as it was announced Thursday that the series — adapted from Philipp Meyer’s 2009 novel of the same name — has been picked up for a second season by Amazon’s Freevee, the free streaming service formerly known as IMDb TV. Stars Jeff Daniels and Maura Tierney are set to return according to a Freevee news release. “American Rust” was canceled by Showtime in January.

June 13 birthdays: Actor Bob McGrath is 90. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 79. Actor Stellan Skarsgard is 71. Comedian Tim Allen is 69. Actor Ally Sheedy is 60. Singer Deniece Pear-son is 54. Musician Rivers Cuomo is 52. Actor Chris Evans is 41. Actor Kat Dennings is 36. Actors Ashley and Mary Kate Olsen are 36.



ASK AMY

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Witness to inappropriate kiss wants to tell

Dear Amy: One evening at a party about five months ago, I inadvertently witnessed a passionate kiss between the husband of the family giving the party and the nanny to the chil-dren. It was dark in the room (I had been resting there). When the man subse-quently turned on the light, I said nothing. He urged me to “give him a chance to fix it,” and not to tell his wife. Several times during the evening he sought me out and asked for time and silence. I told him I did not keep secrets from my part-ner (his wife’s father). He told me he would be seek-ing couple’s therapy. He then stunned me again, by saying that he and his wife hadn’t had sex for 12 years. I told my partner what I had seen, and he was much less concerned, saying his daughter might not even mind if she found out. The nanny cried and told me how sorry she was, and that she was desper-ately in love with the husband. She said that she was returning to school abroad. The nanny didn’t leave for a couple of months, which was agony for me. I kept my distance from everyone. Keeping this secret was a burden. I was worried that my friend would find out later that both I and her father knew, and that she would resent us. The husband still has not told his wife, although he promised to. He tells me he has a lot of rage, that the situation is very delicate, and he is afraid if he tells his wife, the marriage will be destroyed.

I don’t want to be the cause of a total breakdown of the marriage, at the same time, I need to have an honest relationship with people I care about. How should I proceed? — *Accidental Witness*

Dear Witness: On a very deep level, none of this is any of your business, and yet the principals won’t shut up about it, so with every entreaty, they are drawing you further in. You are even being gaslighted into this state-ment: “I don’t want to be the cause of a total break-down of this marriage.” You haven’t caused anything. The husband’s marriage is his responsibil-ity, not yours. (I’m also wondering about how he hasn’t had sex with his wife for 12 years and yet has children young enough to require a live-in nanny.) The next time he seeks you out for a confession, you should either tell him to kindly stop talking or just commence the process of blackmailing him (just kidding, folks), and get it over with. There is no “right” thing to do; you might start a “ticking clock” and tell the husband that you can’t in good conscience keep this secret, and either he talks to his wife by a deadline you set — or you will. When that date arrives, assume that the deed has been done and they are working things out privately, don’t act further, and move on.

Dear Amy: I have a friend who recently “broke up” with a girl he was dating. He seems to be handling it well, but an old attrac-

tion of his (who is not good for him at all) has resur-faced, and I’m worried that she’ll take advantage of his emotional state. What should I do? — *Worried for a Friend*

Dear Worried: What you do is put your hands together, hold onto your thoughts and hope for the best. If you are asked to weigh in, tell your pal that you are worried that he is at risk of repeating a bad pattern. It is extremely challeng-ing to witness people in your circle make ques-tionable choices. But some people need to get burned a couple of times before they know to stay away from an old flame.

Dear Amy: “Upset” seemed incredulous at the thought of a 6-year-old knowing about sperm and eggs. My mother began teach-ing me about body parts, what they do, and how, from a very young age. At age 4 or 5, I absolutely knew about sperm, eggs and how they met each other. I never became a promiscuous teen mom or a drug addict. People do not give chil-dren enough credit for their ability to learn about the world and life. Please! Teach you little ones about what bodies do. — *Precocious, Not Promiscuous*

Dear Precocious: Informa-tion leads to knowledge, which leads to self-aware-ness. Your mother did it right.

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Capturing Lopez’s challenges distinguishes doc ‘Halftime’

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

The Jennifer Lopez documentary “Halftime” recently kicked off the 21st Tribeca Festival, launching the annual New York event with an intimate behind-the-scenes portrait of the singer-actor filmed during the tumultuous year she turned 50, co-headlined the Super Bowl and narrowly missed out on an Oscar nomination.

Director Amanda Micheli hopes the documentary, premiering June 14 on Netflix, presents a new — sometimes vulnerable, often resilient — side to its famous subject.

“I had the impression of her as a wildly successful, glamorous person,” Micheli says in an interview. “Then when I met her I was like, ‘This woman is a world-class athlete.’ She’s a jock. The way she carries herself and the way she works. She’s an artist, but I really connected with that side of her. She’s a fighter.”

“Halftime” bears some of the usual hallmarks of artist-developed documentaries. It’s designed to be an affectionate portrait. But “Halftime” distinguishes itself by capturing the challenges that even superstars face in an entertainment industry not always welcoming to Latina performers. In one early clip, a journalist asks Lopez about her backside.

“Jennifer always was trying to prove herself,” says Micheli. “I don’t want to minimized it to: Oh, she’s a woman of color and women of color have a harder time. But it’s true, especially in the entertainment industry. You look back at those press junkets for ‘Selena,’ and people on the red carpet are like, ‘Can you speak a little Spanish for us, honey?’ It was a novelty.”



Jennifer Lopez in “Halftime,” a documentary that captures the superstar at a pivotal moment in her career. **NETFLIX**

For the documentary, Micheli assembled footage shot in late 2019 and early 2020 by Lopez’s team and others, as well as some 1,000 hours of archival footage. In the time span covered in the film, Lopez was starring in and producing the acclaimed drama “Hustlers,” and she was tapped to perform in the 2020 Super Bowl with Shakira.

The two events were high points for Lopez, yet still reflected some of the struggles she faced along the way. Splitting the Super Bowl stage is sometimes seen in “Halftime” as a matter of frustration. Lopez calls having two headliners “the worst idea ever,” not because she isn’t enthusiastic about the collaboration with Shakira but because of the time pressures of fitting in each others’ songs. Lopez also fights to have the plight of immigrant children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border incorporated into the performance. Lopez initially sought a cameo by Bruce Springsteen to sing “Born in the U.S.A.”

At the same time, Lopez was unexpectedly looked over for her first Academy Award nomination for “Hustlers,” a female-led production about making your way in a male-controlled industry. The

weight of those expectations is seen in scenes like one following the Golden Globes, where Lopez says, “I let everyone down,” after not winning. Missing on an Oscar nomination, she says, was disappointing because so many had suggested it was inevitable.

“The truth is I really thought I was going to be nominated,” Lopez says in the film.

“We didn’t want it to seem like the world’s smallest violin,” says Micheli. “But it’s compelling to see someone really striving and wanting something so badly. Stars are not supposed to admit they want an Academy Award. But she admits in the film that she got her hopes up, she wanted that recognition. Who wouldn’t?”

Micheli thinks that before making “Halftime,” Lopez hadn’t really processed some elements of her life depicted in the documentary. When Micheli first showed Lopez a 12-minute sample reel of behind-the-scenes footage, she nervously awaited Lopez’s response.

“She looked at me and said, ‘My body’s shaking. I haven’t seen myself like this before,’” says Micheli. “In that moment, seeing herself, she had a realization of what that fighting was for.”

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today has the potential to be a real adventure if you open yourself up to the possibilities, giving you the urge to get out and explore the world. Get ready for a burst to propel you forward. Harness this energy and seek out something exciting.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): An otherworldly feeling hangs over today — you might be left scratching your head as you figure out what it’s all about. This acts like a key in a lock, unleashing something that has been hidden. Be willing to read between the lines. What you find could impact you deeply.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): This is a perfect day to do some socializing, encouraging you to connect with someone already close to you or someone new. You’ll be in your element with friends, whether they be old or new. Plus, one of those new acquaintances will potentially play a major role in your future.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): This week starts out on a very strong note, turning today into a terrific moment for professional progress. You can translate this into long-term success in your career. Be ready to show off, because an authority figure could decide you deserve to move to the next level.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Limits may seem not to exist today, giving you a burst of positivity. That mood should soar even higher, showing you all the possibilities available to you. Step into the spotlight, even if you have to make it for yourself, and let people see what you’re all about. Save work for another day — your duty is to have fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don’t be shocked if you find yourself deep in your feelings today. You might be inclined to keep things low-key rather than go all out. You could find yourself dealing with some intense matters. If a family member or roommate treats you rudely, you may not be able to react lightly.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You and a partner could have a lot to discuss today. You can come to a place of better understanding. Whether this person is a partner in business or romance or a close friend doesn’t so much matter — it’s more about reaching a place where you work better together.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It’s a great day to make sure you’re earning your keep, whether at work or not. You won’t want to waste your time with frivolous tasks and would rather focus on being properly compensated for the work you do. If you feel undervalued, take steps to right any wrongs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Doing as you please is the name of the game today, putting you more in touch with your emotions and needs. Focus on your own ideas and inspirations, perhaps by engaging in artistic expression. Don’t worry about coloring in the lines, literally or metaphorically. Your rules are the only ones that matter.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Highly charged emotions might take over your mind and heart at a moment’s notice today, so you could feel a bit out of it. If you can’t avoid confrontations or outbursts, you might as well deal with them. Make a conscious effort to heal yourself and others.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Staying busy will probably be extremely easy today — fortunately, the universe also wants to help you have a good time. It’s the perfect day to hit the town with some friends. Whether or not you have work tomorrow, try to enjoy yourself. You don’t need to go wild to have a good time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): There’s a fabulous opportunity on the work front just waiting for you to come and get it. This angle can be helpful in making sure that your ambitions are actually in sync with your efforts and that you’re checking off the right boxes to get where you want to be.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 13, 1865, Nobel Prize-winning poet-playwright William Butler Yeats was born in Ireland.

In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall to become the first Black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing

excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America’s involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967.

In 1997, the Chicago Bulls captured their fifth NBA championship in seven years.

In 2005, a jury in California acquitted Michael Jackson of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland ranch.



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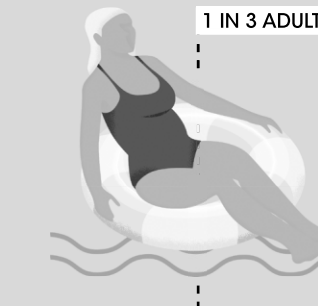
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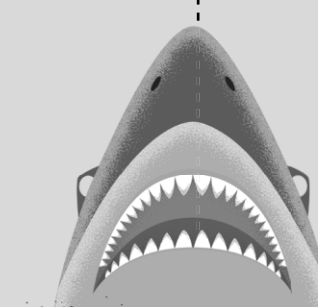
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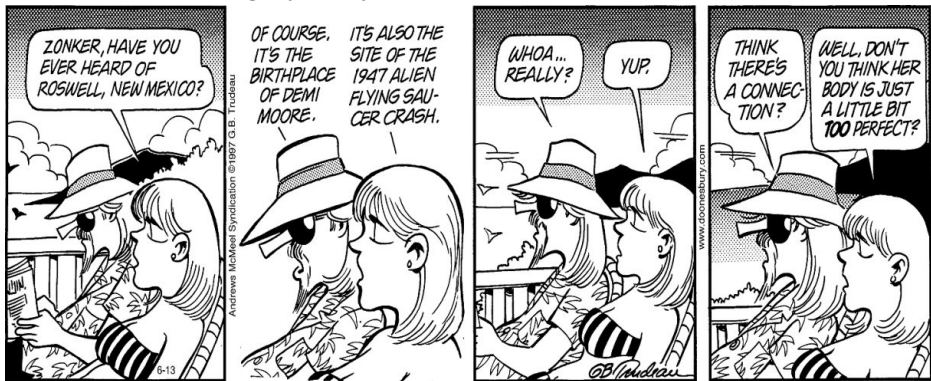
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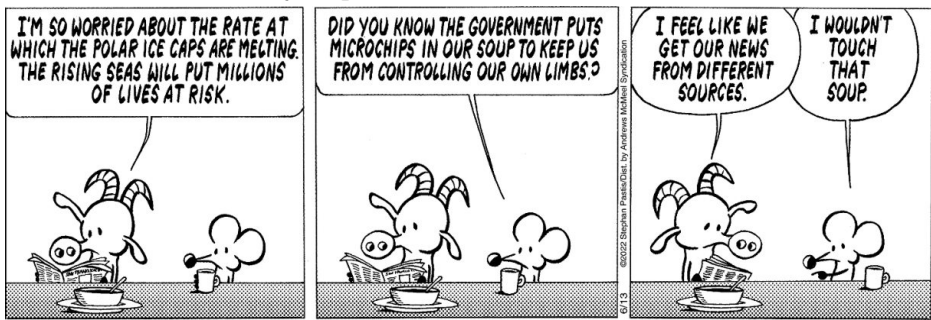
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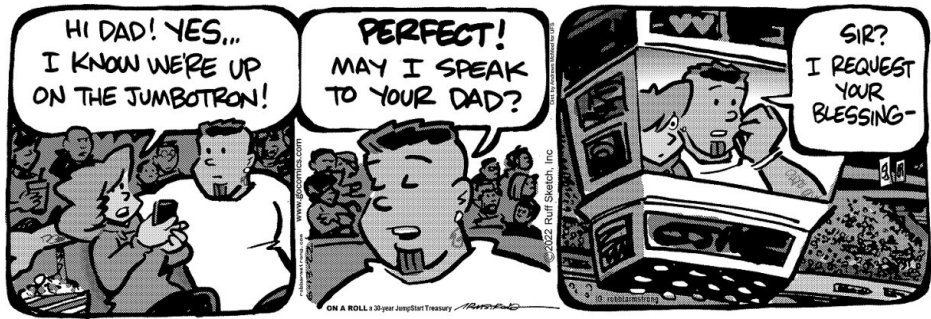
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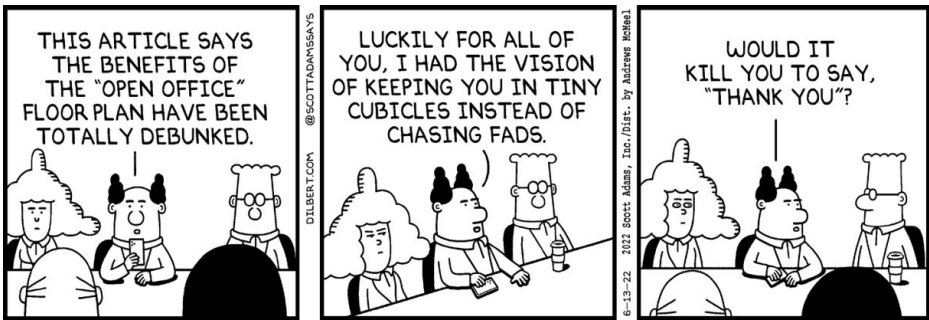
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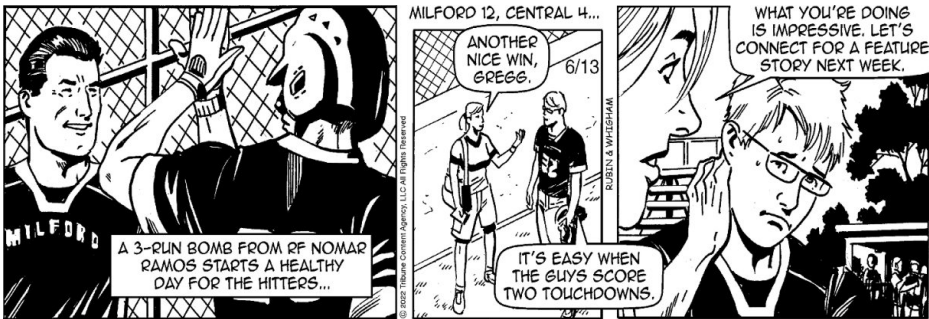
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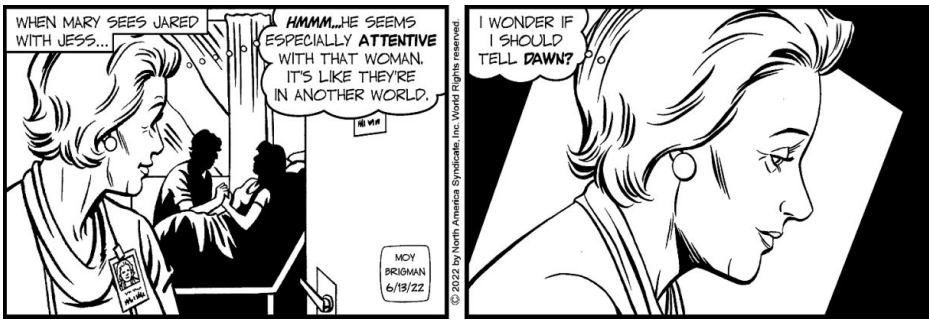
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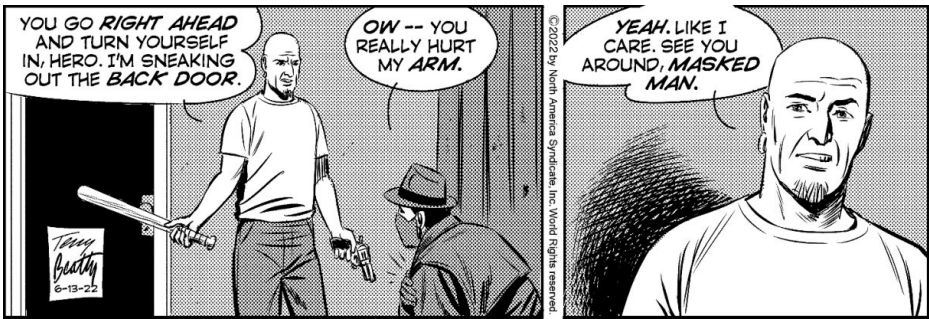
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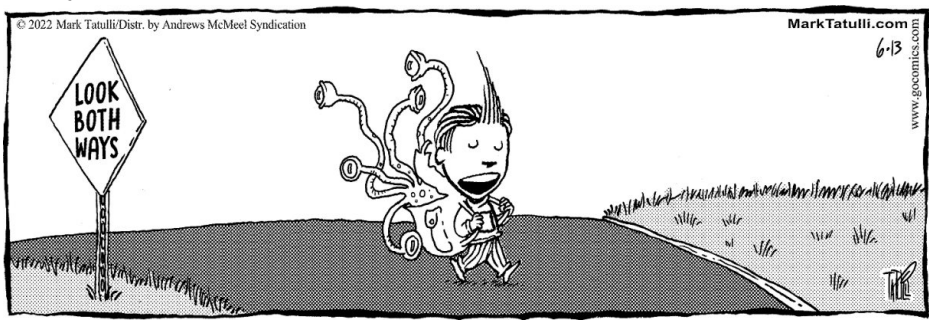
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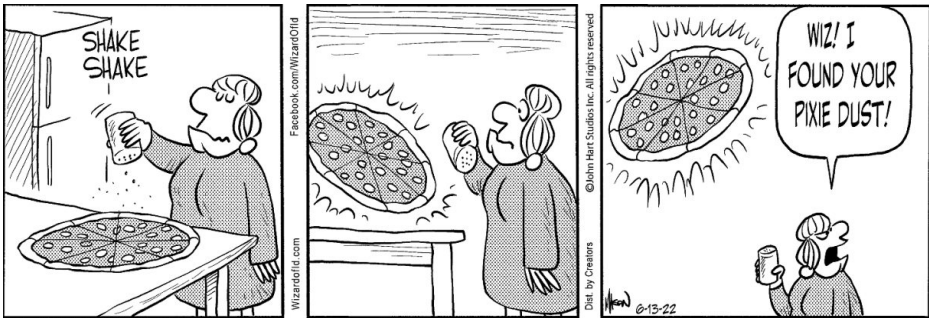
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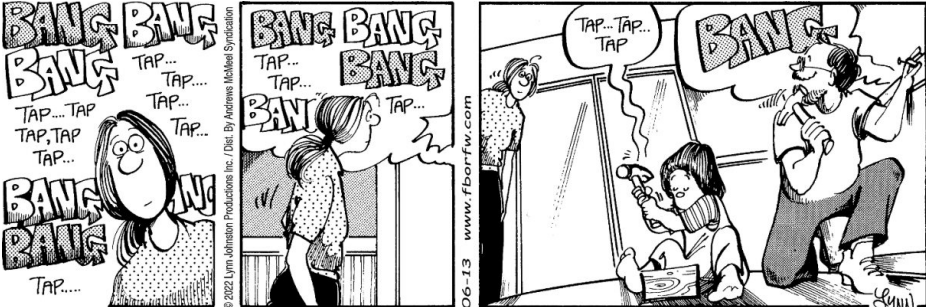
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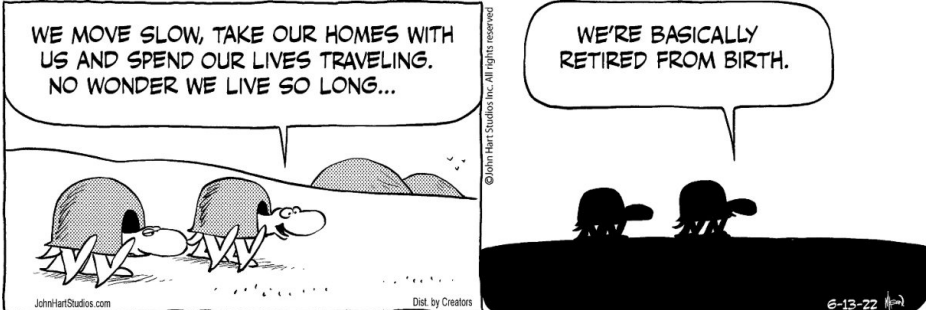
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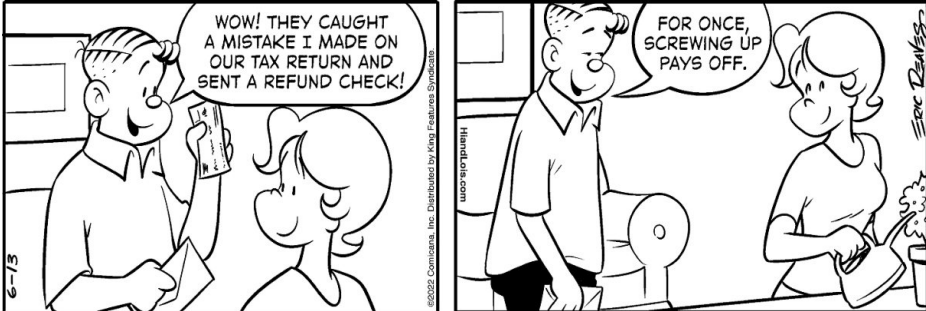
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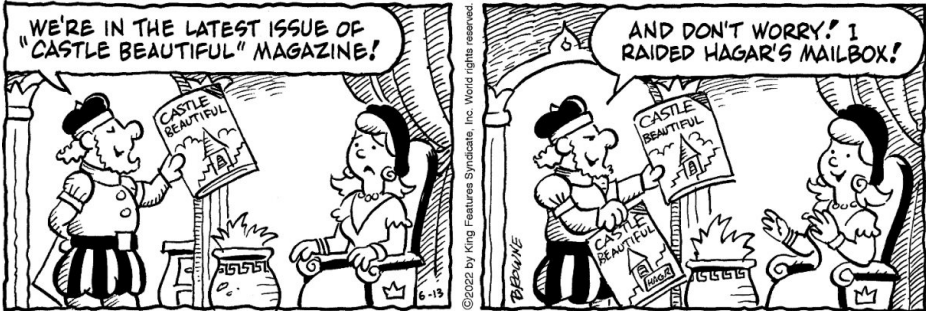
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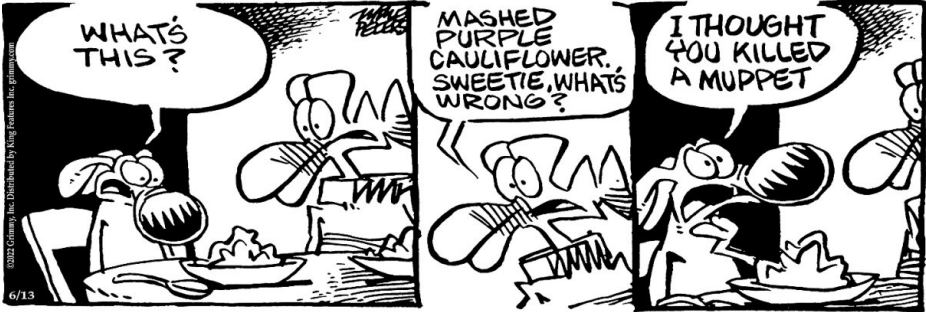
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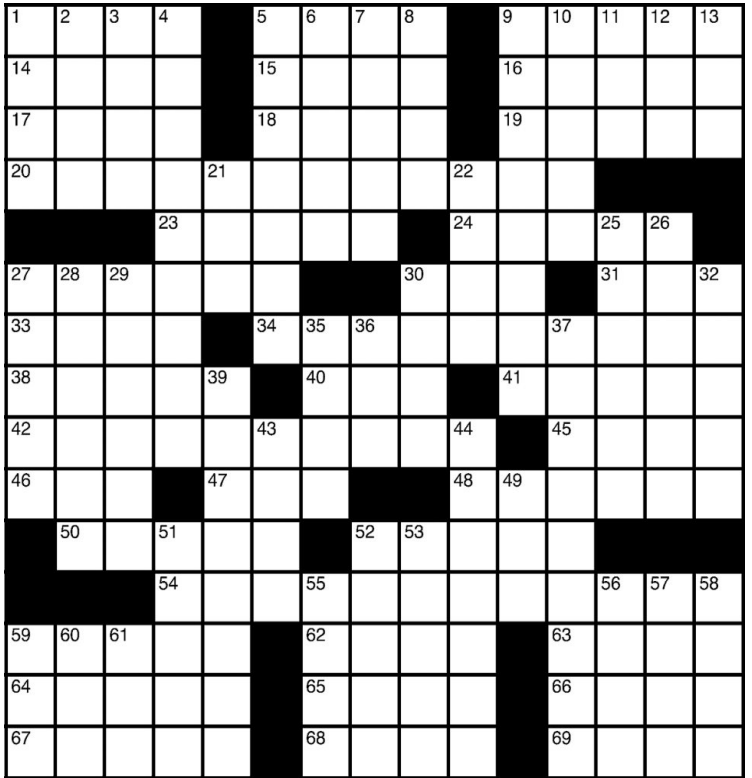
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CROSSWORD

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- 1 Mustang automaker
 - 5 Honey liquor
 - 9 “__ Mial”: ABBA musical
 - 14 Nike rival
 - 15 Convention center event
 - 16 Noble gas in some lasers
 - 17 Prepare for a newborn’s arrival
 - 18 Softball glove
 - 19 Entice
 - 20 *Title of many compilation albums
 - 23 Old 1-Across named for a horse
 - 24 Stores
 - 27 Costello partner
 - 30 Sweetie
 - 31 Vote in favor
 - 33 Actress Polo
 - 34 *Not at all talkative
 - 38 Take along
 - 40 ISP pioneer
 - 41 Covert agents
 - 42 *Taylor Swift song with the lyrics “You can’t get rid of it / ‘Cause you remember it ...”
 - 45 “To be,” in French
 - 46 Up to, briefly
 - 47 Directional suffix
 - 48 Agitation
 - 50 White __ machine: sleep aid
 - 52 Sight-singing teaching method
 - 54 *There’s no way to know yet”
 - 59 Infomercial dude
 - 62 Dancer Falana
 - 63 Drink whose logo has frosted letters
 - 64 LEGO brand for tots
 - 65 “Stay” singer Lisa
 - 66 CBS military drama
 - 67 Reproductive health pro
 - 68 Pop artist Warhol
 - 69 Superlative acronym spelled out by the starts of the answers to the starred clues
 - 4 Unit of information
 - 5 Foul ball caught at a game, e.g.
 - 6 Have life
 - 7 Likely will, after “is”
 - 8 Biblical verb
 - 9 “Crash Into Me” rock group Dave __ Band
 - 10 Childish retort
 - 11 Old RKO rival
 - 12 Messy hairdo
 - 13 Industrious insect
 - 21 __ for tat
 - 22 “No need to tell me what happened there”
 - 25 Mineral that resembles gold
 - 26 Passover meals
 - 27 Facing the pitcher
 - 28 German capital
 - 29 S.O.S alternative
 - 30 Kristen of “The Good Place”
 - 32 Strong point
 - 35 Young deer
 - 36 Adversary
 - 37 The “O” of iOS
 - 39 Contributes to, as a group gift
 - 43 Utah city near Provo
 - 44 Soothing song
 - 49 Super Bowl org.
 - 51 Setting of Elena Ferrante’s Neapolitan novels
 - 52 Faint
 - 53 Lubricated
 - 55 “Boo’d Up” singer __ Mai
 - 56 Danish shoe brand
 - 57 A Skywalker twin
 - 58 For fear that
 - 59 Hullabaloo
 - 60 Name
 - 61 Fuel efficiency stat



By John Lieb Tribune Content Agency 6/13/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 7
♥ K 5 2
♦ A K Q 8 6 5 4 3
♣ A K Q 8 6 5 4 3

WEST

♠ 10 9 4
♥ K 9 8 6 5 4
♦ 8 4
♣ 9 2

EAST

♠ K 8 7 6 5 2
♥ J
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ 10 7

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 3
♥ Q 10 3 2
♦ A 9 7 3
♣ J

The bidding:

East South West North
2 ♠ 2 NT 3 ♠ 4 ♠
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 7 ♠
Pass 7 ♦ Pass Pass
Dble 7 NT Dble
Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This improbable deal occurred in the 1989 Venice Cup final between two women’s teams from the Netherlands and the United States.

It is perhaps best if the characters involved remain nameless. Suffice it to say that after the U.S. East opened with a weak two-spade bid, the Dutch South elected to bid two notrump, ostensibly showing a hand containing the values and distribution for an opening one-notrump bid.

This naturally sent North into orbit, and she eventually bid seven clubs, which cannot be defeated as the cards lie. All would have been well, except that South now decided to correct this contract to seven diamonds, which had no chance whatsoever. East then erred grievously by doubling, giving South a chance to recover by bidding seven notrump. South then subjected East to the final ignominy by executing a squeeze against her to bring home the grand slam.

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy, led a club to the jack and a heart

to the ace, then ran the remaining clubs. This was the position when the last club was played:

North

♥ 7
♦ 5 2
♣ 3

West

Immaterial

East

♠ K 8
♦ Q J

South

♠ A Q
♦ A 9

No matter what East discarded on the three of clubs, South was sure to take the rest of the tricks.

At the other table, the American North-South pair stopped at six clubs and made seven, giving the Dutch a 15-IMP pickup on the deal. Had East passed seven diamonds at the first table, the U.S. would have gained 17 IMPs instead.

Tomorrow: Signals point the way.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

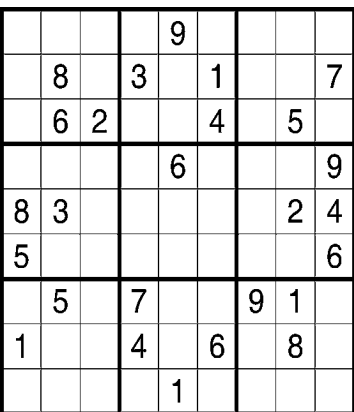
PTZOA
NIHYS
UISNFE
CLOTEK



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Saturday’s Jumbles: SPOIL AMUSE CUDDLE DRIVEL
Answer: The tug-of-war was going well until he — PULLED A MUSCLE

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: BATTLES & BATTLEFIELDS

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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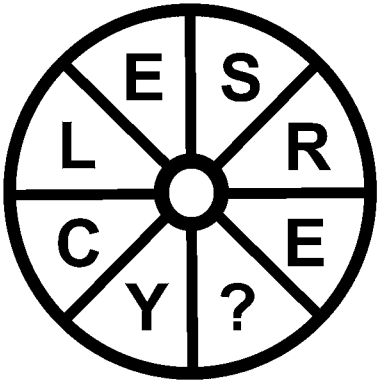
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- 1 "Cat ___ Hot Tin Roof"
- 4 "Star Wars" filmmaker George ___
- 9 "Sesame Street" network
- 12 Cauldron
- 13 "The World ___ Enough"; 007 movie
- 14 Diving bird
- 15 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
- 16 Sri ___
- 17 Presurgical scan, for short
- 18 ___ con carne; spicy stew
- 20 "Falcon ___"; prime-time soap opera
- 22 Actor on "NCIS: New Orleans"
- 26 "Close Encounters of the ___ Kind"
- 27 Cochlea's place
- 28 Word attached to fly or about
- 29 Pig's home
- 32 Bottled water brand
- 35 2018 sci-fi series
- 39 Trigger or Mister Ed
- 40 Lions' dens
- 42 "___ Life to Live"
- 43 "Every Which Way But ___"; Clint Eastwood film

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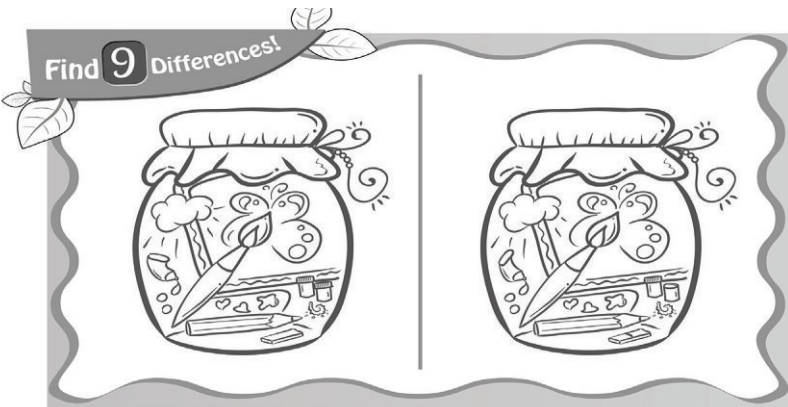
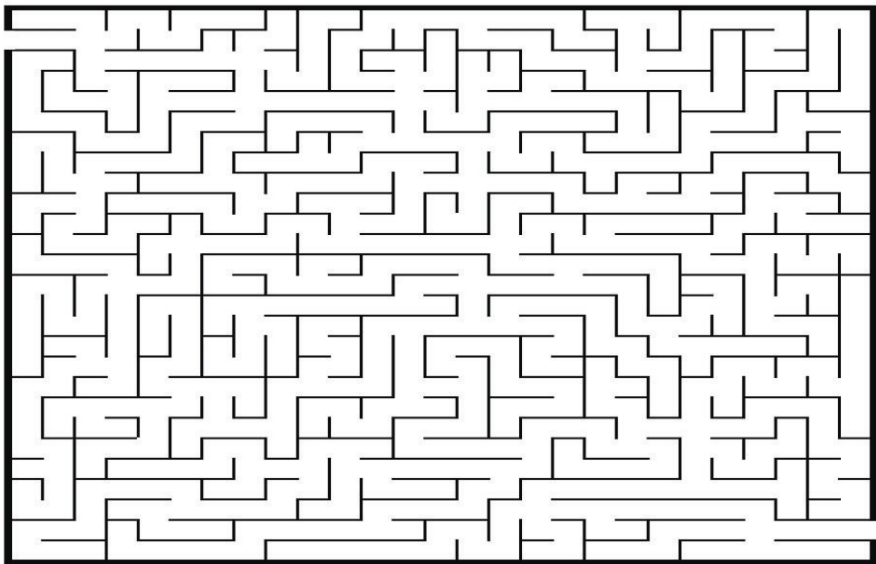
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- 7 Satisfactory, for short
- 8 Robert ___ of "Unsolved Mysteries"
- 9 Victoria Principal's role on "Dallas"
- 10 College treasurer
- 11 Short one-act play
- 19 "A ___ Like Love"; Amanda Peet movie
- 21 Ms. McClanahan
- 23 "Crouching __, Hidden Dragon"; Chinese action film
- 24 "The Real Housewives" network
- 25 ___ Ababa, Ethiopia
- 29 Oliver and Sharon
- 30 "___ Company"
- 31 "Say ___ to the Dress"
- 33 ___ at the switch; inattentive
- 34 Long or Peeples
- 36 Prison rooms
- 37 Best Actor Oscar-winner David ___
- 38 Actress Garbo
- 39 "Rabbit ___"; Nicole Kidman film
- 41 "___ Trek: Discovery"
- 44 Cereal grain
- 45 Miner's discovery
- 46 Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named ___"

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SPORTS

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STANFORD 8, UCONN2 NCAA SUPER REGIONAL

Stanford forces winner-take-all Game 3

Final game in the series will be Monday

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

The UConn baseball team found its path to Omaha blocked at Stanford on Sunday night.

Bidding to get to the College World Series for the first time since 1979, the Huskies were held off, 8-2, in the second game of the best-of-three NCAA Super Regional. The series is now tied, with the decid-

ing game Monday, time to be determined.

UConn (50-15) won the first game 13-12 Saturday night as Stanford roared back from a 9-0 deficit, hitting eight homers. The Cardinal momentum carried into Game 2, as Stanford (46-16) scored two in the first inning and six in the second, with two more homers. Coach David Esquer went with a bullpen approach to the elimination

game, removing his starter in the first inning and piecing the game together with three relievers.

The worst thing to come out of this game for UConn: No.1 starter Austin Peterson was driven out of the game by Stanford's torrid bats in the second inning, but as coach Jim Penders was coming out to remove him, home plate umpire Casey Moser ejected Peterson for arguing about previous ball-strike calls. By NCAA rules, an ejection,

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UConn ace Austin Peterson leaves the mound in the second inning trailing 7-1. Peterson was removed by coach Jim Penders, and ejected for arguing with the umpires, which, by NCAA rules, means a four-game suspension.

KAVIN MISTRY/AP

RED SOX 2, MARINERS 0

Devers' home run lifts Sox to victory

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Rafael Devers stunned his teammates, his manager and his opponent. Pitches that far out of the strike zone are not supposed to end up over the fence.

"Unreal," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "It's just hand-eye coordination, power. You've got to be perfect to hit a ball like that, and he was for this one."

Devers hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, spot starter Kutter Crawford and five relievers combined on a one-hitter, and the Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 2-0 Sunday.

Boston closed out a successful West Coast swing by shutting down Seattle's offense, allowing only Luis Torrens' single in the fifth inning. The Red Sox finished 8-2 on a 10-game trip.

They can thank Devers for providing the needed blow on a day offense was difficult to come by for both sides.

Seattle was hoping Devers wouldn't even get to the plate in the eighth, but reliever Paul Sewald hit Rob Refsnyder on a 2-and-2 fastball.

Sewald was ahead 0-and-2 to Devers and threw a fastball well outside the strike zone. Devers got his barrel to the pitch and drove it into the Red Sox bullpen in left for his 14th homer.

"I swing at everything and the pitch was a little closer than you think, and I was able to hit it out of the ballpark," Devers said.

It was the second straight day Sewald (3-2) allowed a home run after Bobby Dalbec's connection in the ninth inning Saturday.

"There might be one or two hitters in this league, left-handed hitters, that can square that ball up, let alone hit it out of the ballpark," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "You have to tip your hat."

Tyler Danish (2-0) was the third Boston reliever and earned the victory. John Schreiber got help in the eighth from a terrific diving catch by Refsnyder in right field to rob Ty France of extra bases.

Tanner Houck pitched the

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YANKEES 18, CUBS 4



The Yankees' Matt Carpenter hits a two-run home run in the sixth inning against the Cubs on Sunday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Yankees rout Cubs

Carpenter racks up two home runs and seven RBIs

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Less than a month after he was languishing in the minors, Matt Carpenter showed why his bat has become popular with his New York Yankees teammates — along with that bushy mustache.

Carpenter homered twice and tied his career high with seven RBIs, powering an 18-4 rout of the Chicago Cubs on Sunday that completed a weekend sweep and gave the major league-leading Yankees their 11th win in 12 games.

"It's pretty hard to be in Triple

A and imagine that you'll get this opportunity," the 36-year-old said.

Carpenter drew a tying bases-loaded walk as New York chased Keegan Thompson (6-2) in a five-run first and hit a three-run homer off Daniel Norris for an 8-1 lead in the second.

Carpenter added a two-run drive against Alec Mills in the sixth for his first multihomer game in four years and an RBI double in the seventh against Sean Newcomb as the Yankees sent Chicago to its sixth straight loss.

All the more impressive given Carpenter had gotten just two

plate appearances since June 3.

"I put him in the garage for a week and pulled him out for a spin," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "That's impressive."

Kyle Higashioka added his first two home runs this season, after hitting seven in spring training. Giancarlo Stanton and Isiah Kiner-Falefa had three RBIs each as the Yankees sprayed a season-high 17 hits and scored their most runs since beating Toronto 20-6 on Sept. 15, 2020.

Higashioka and Carpenter were late additions to the lineup because second baseman Gley-

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BOYS LACROSSE

Northwest Catholic falls in state final

Lions lose 16-3 in Class S championship game as Weston wins second straight title

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

FAIRFIELD — The Northwest Catholic boys lacrosse team had been down in the Class S tournament before Sunday.

Actually, the Lions had trailed in every playoff game they played.

So they weren't too worried about trailing by four goals at halftime in the Class S championship game against Weston. But once the second half started and Weston scored five straight goals, the Lions became a little deflated.

Fifth-seeded Weston (19-4) won its second straight state title and fifth overall, 16-3 over No. 7 Northwest Catholic on Sunday morning at Sacred Heart University. The Trojans had won the Class M championship last year. It was the first time the Lions (17-5) had advanced to the championship game.

"They had a great defense and goalie," Northwest senior Patrick Meuser said. "They were very sound. Their offense was also really good. Everybody could dodge, shoot, score."

"We've had some good comebacks. Until like the third quarter, we weren't too down and out or anything. We were very excited and we wanted to win, but they're a very good team."

Sophomore Rowan Bradshaw-Mack had six goals, including the first three of the game and five in the first half, senior Renzo Garone had a hat trick to open the second half for Weston and sophomore Nick Possick added three goals for the Trojans.

"These guys played awesome," Weston coach Josh Thornton said. "Our matchups were great. We had someone step in for a hurt defenseman and not a beat was missed on defense. We played really well and executed our game plan. I'm really proud of what these guys accomplished today and the whole year."

Weston led 6-2 at halftime.

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Tristin Van Ord, of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, is the women's winner of the Litchfield Hills Road Race, covering 7.1 miles in 38:38 Sunday. LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT

RUNNING

'Horribly fun': Litchfield Hills Road Race is back after hiatus

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

LITCHFIELD — Annmarie Tuxbury was a soccer player, but after she ran the Litchfield Hills 7.1-mile road race at age 14, she became a running convert.

"I did the kids race when I was 12 and 13," she said. "When I was 14, going into high school, I ran [the 7.1 mile race]. I had new shoes, no socks, never ran more than 3 miles. I died, but I was like, 'This is horribly fun.'"

Tuxbury, an Olympic marathon trials qualifier who grew up in New

Hartford and ran for Northwestern Regional High School, was back Sunday and so was the race, which was canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic and held in a limited form last year with an earlier start, no crowds or bands and no elite field.

Tuxbury, now of Newport, R.I., was the third female finisher in 40 minutes, 58 seconds, a personal best for her on the course. Tristin Van Ord of Blowing Rock, N.C., was the women's winner (38:38).

Alex Norstrom, 26, of Glastonbury was the overall winner in 35:55. Everett Hackett of Hartford

was second (36:07) and Timofey Karginov of West Hartford third (36:08).

About 1,000 runners raced through the hilly streets of Litchfield on Sunday. It was humid, but the race day temperature of around 70 was not as bad as it has been in the past.

"I love coming here," said Norstrom, who won the Ever-source Hartford Marathon last fall. "My family comes and has a picnic. I grew up in Colebrook, so not too far from here."

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Finals: at Warriors (Game 5), Monday, 9 p.m.; vs. Warriors (Game 6), Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Warriors (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, 8 p.m.

Red Sox: Athletics, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Athletics, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Athletics, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Yankees: Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Rays, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Mets: Brewers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Brewers, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Yard Goats: Akron, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Akron, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Akron, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: Dream; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Storm, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Mystics, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Hartford Athletic: Memphis, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Atlanta United II, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Louisville City, June 25, 1 p.m.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Yard Goats win ninth straight

Staff reports

Tyler Hill hit a grand slam in the seventh inning to rally the Hartford Yard Goats past the Sea Dogs 6-3 on Sunday afternoon in Portland, Maine, extending their winning streak to nine games.

Trailing 2-0 after the first inning, Hartford got on the board in the fifth on a two-out home run by Aaron Schunk to make it 2-1. Schunk also hit an RBI double in the eighth to give the Yard Goats a 6-2 lead.

Yard Goats starter Michael Baird have up three hits and two runs in five innings. Trent Fennell (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings in relief for the win, allowing two hits and a walk. Sea Dogs starter Brett Kennedy went six innings, giving up three hits, two runs and striking out seven.

The Yard Goats, who have won eight consecutive series and are off to the best start in franchise history (38-19), completed their first ever six-game sweep as they wrapped up the series. They are in first place in the Eastern League's Northeast Division, 2.5 games ahead of Somerset.

The Yard Goats return home Tuesday to open a six-game series against the Akron RubberDucks at 7 p.m. Akron (32-25) is in second place in the Southwest Division.

Hartford Athletic shut out on the road: San Diego Loyal SC, playing at home for the first time in 56 days, got out to a fast start with two first-half goals and defeated Hartford Athletic 3-0 on Saturday night at Torero Stadium.

Charlie Adams scored in the 29th minute and Thomas Amang came through in the 44th minute. An own goal by Hartford's Rashawn Dally in the 83rd minute sealed the scoring. James Slayton made two saves for the Athletic. San Diego's Jon Kempin stopped three shots for the shutout.

Hartford coach Harry Watling was sent off with a red card early in the match. Upset about a no-call that knocked down Corey Hertzog, Watling received a yellow card in the 22nd minute. Two minutes later, he was handed a red card and had to leave the pitch. Then, just three minutes after Watling left the sideline, Hertzog was given a yellow card. San Diego capitalized, scoring shortly after.

Hartford will return home to Trinity Health Stadium on Wednesday for a midweek matchup with Memphis 901 FC at 7 p.m.

METS VS. ANGELS

Superstar Ohtani gets night off

By Joe Reedy
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even superstars need a night off once in a while, even if there is a national audience watching.

Los Angeles Angels two-way sensation Shohei Ohtani was not in the lineup for Sunday night's game against the New York Mets. (The game wasn't over in time for this edition.) Manager Phil Nevin said before the game the reigning AL MVP approached him during the late stages of Saturday night's 11-6 victory about not starting.

"I know, he seems like Superman all the time. Even Superman took a day off once in a while," Nevin said. "I said to him there's a phone booth close and be ready to go.

"This (day off) happens to be a Sunday, and it's on ESPN. I know a lot of people are upset about that. The better Shohei is at the end of the season, we're going to be playing a lot more primetime games and a lot of them in October and they will get to watch him play."

Ohtani is on an eight-game hitting streak, which is tied for his longest of the season. He has gone 11 for



Mets designated hitter J.D. Davis follows through on his solo home run against the Angels in the fourth inning Sunday night in Anaheim, Calif. ALEX GALLARDO/AP

31 with two home runs and five RBIs during that span and raised his batting average 15 points to .255.

The Japanese two-way sensation looked like he was briefly shaken up after an awkward slide at home plate during the third

inning of Saturday's game. He was briefly limping after catcher Tomás Nido applied the tag at home on the throw by right fielder Jeff McNeil.

But Ohtani remained in the game and hit a two-run homer in his next at-bat in

the fifth inning.

Nevin, who was named manager for the rest of the season after Joe Maddon was fired last Tuesday, said he has had productive discussions with Ohtani over the past week.

After struggling in 2019

under Brad Ausmus, Ohtani flourished under Maddon, who prioritized unleashing his talents on both sides of the ball. Maddon worked with Ohtani to figure out the right workload that allowed him to excel as a hitter and a pitcher.

Nevin appears as if he will have the same approach.

"Honestly, it's up to him. It's his decision. He's great at managing his body and his time in preparing to hit and preparing to pitch. Nobody's ever done this before, like he does," Nevin said. "It's good to give his body a reset and we'll get back at it on Tuesday."

With Ohtani getting the night off, Mike Trout got a rare start at designated hitter with Tyler Wade in center field.

The Angels have Monday off before facing the Los Angeles Dodgers for two games at Dodger Stadium starting Tuesday. Ohtani's next start on the mound is likely to be Friday when the Angels open a three-game series at Seattle. He allowed one run on four hits and struck out six in last Thursday's 5-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Ohtani is 4-4 with a 3.64 ERA in 10 starts, striking out 71 in 54 ⅓ innings.

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for pitchers, carries a four-game suspension, which will keep Peterson out of the first three games of the College World Series if the Huskies do win Monday and advance.

Kody Huff singled to drive in two runs in the first inning for Stanford, and Peterson needed 38 pitches to get out of the inning, a sign it could be a short night for him. UConn got one run back in the bottom of the first, as Esquer made a quick pitching change, but Stanford broke it open with six runs in the second.

Carter Graham and Brett Barrera singled runs, then Braden Montgomery hit a long opposite-field homer to left, giving the Cardinal a 7-1 lead and ending Peterson's night. Drew Bowser added a solo homer off reliever Cole Chudoba before the inning was over. It might



UConn's Ben Huber hits an RBI single in the first inning of Sunday night's NCAA Super Regional game against Stanford. KAVIN MISTRY/AP

have been worse had UConn center fielder T.C. Simmons not leaped above the wall to take a possible homer away from Brock Jones, who had hit three in Game 1

Chudoba, from Oxford, a grad transfer from Assumption, was the bright spot of the night for UConn, cooling Stanford's bats through the seventh. Chudoba, who

hadn't pitched since May 17, threw 77 pitches, saving UConn's bullpen for Game 3, but the Huskies couldn't mount a comeback against the Cardinal bullpen, Brandt

Pancer for 3 ⅓ innings, Ryan Bruno for two, Quinn Mathews for the last three.

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Yankees

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ber Torres felt nausea and catcher Jose Trevino had back pain.

Carpenter raised his average to .333 with 13 RBIs. Signed on May 26 because of injuries to Giancarlo Stanton and Josh Donaldson, Carpenter became the first Yankees player to hit six home runs in his first 10 games and just the second major leaguer to have six homers among his first seven hits after Colorado's Trevor Story in 2016.

"I was confident with what I was doing at the plate, was hopeful that this would potentially happen, and now it's been a lot of fun to see it play it out," Carpenter said.

A three-time All-Star with St. Louis, Carpenter had just three homers and 21 RBIs last season. He exercised an opt out at Texas' Round Rock affiliate on May 19 and returned to his home.

"I went from Triple A to my couch for a week, didn't know if this would work out," he said.

Signing with the Yankees could not have worked out better. He matched his seven RBIs against the Cubs in July 2018, when he had his only three-homer game during a stretch of six straight games with long balls.



The Yankees' Matt Carpenter celebrates after hitting a two-run home run in the sixth inning against the Chicago Cubs on Sunday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Carpenter played flawlessly at third base with two assists in his first big league game in the field this year.

"I've been waiting for that first Roll Call," he said of the Bleacher Creatures.

Having shaved his long-time beard to comply with Yankees rules, Carpenter joined mustachioed pitcher Nelson Cortes to inspire Marwin Gonzalez and Lucas Luetge to give fuzzy

upper lips a try.

"Super professional. Acts like he's been on the team forever," said Jameson Taillon (7-1), who remained unbeaten in 11 starts, giving up three runs and seven hits in five innings.

Manny Bañuelos pitched three innings for his first big league save. New York is 44-16 opening an 8 ½-game AL East lead and has won 11 straight home games, one

shy of its most since new Yankee Stadium opened in 2009.

"Them having the faith to sign me it means a lot," Carpenter said, "and I'm enjoying it."

Higashioka was given the silent treatment after his third-inning drive, then homered in the eighth on a 35 mph eephus pitch from Frank Schwindel, a first baseman making his second

mound appearance in 10 days.

Chicago's six-game skid is its longest this year, dropping the Cubs a season-worst 13 games under .500 at 23-36. The Yankees outscored Chicago 28-5 in the three-game series and improved to 15-4 against the Cubs, 23-4 including World Series sweeps in 1932 and '38. The Cubs are 0-12 in the Bronx.

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ninth for his second save. It was the fourth shutout for Boston during its trip.

Crawford was recalled from Triple A and started after Garrett Whitlock landed on the 15-day injured

list. The right-hander threw five innings of one-hit ball, striking out seven. Control issues with four walks kept him from likely getting a chance in the sixth.

Crawford kept Seattle hitless until Torrens lined a single with two outs in the fifth. Jesse Winker followed with a walk, but Crawford

struck out France to end the inning for his final batter.

"I was mixing my pitches pretty good. Even when I was behind in the count I was able to throw that cutter and get weak contact or get back in the count," Crawford said.

Boston's pitching performance also spoiled the best

start of the season from Seattle's Robbie Ray. Mixing in a fastball with more downward movement to go with his normal four-seam fastball and slider, Ray finished seven innings for the first time since opening day. He struck out four, issued one walk and induced plenty of weak contact.

The only hits Ray allowed were a double to Xander Bogaerts that could have been ruled an error, a blop double for J.D. Martinez that hit off the glove of France and a broken-bat single by Alex Verdugo.

"I just kept them on their heels the whole time," Ray said.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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New York	44	16	.733	—	—	9-1	W-4	26-7	18-9
Toronto	35	24	.593	8 ½	—	6-4	W-1	18-10	17-14
Tampa Bay	35	25	.583	9	—	6-4	W-1	21-13	14-12
Boston	32	29	.525	12 ½	—	8-2	W-1	13-14	19-15
Baltimore	26	35	.426	18 ½	6	5-5	W-2	15-15	11-20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	35	27	.565	—	—	5-5	L-1	20-14	15-13
Cleveland	29	27	.518	3	½	7-3	W-1	16-10	13-17
Chicago	27	31	.466	6	3 ½	4-6	L-2	13-17	14-14
Detroit	24	35	.407	9 ½	7	5-5	L-1	16-17	8-18
Kansas City	20	39	.339	13 ½	11	4-6	L-2	12-21	8-18

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	37	23	.617	—	—	5-5	W-1	16-10	21-13
Texas	28	31	.475	8 ½	3	4-6	W-2	13-16	15-15
Los Angeles	29	33	.468	9	3 ½	2-8	L-1	17-18	12-15
Seattle	27	33	.450	10	4 ½	6-4	L-1	13-12	14-21
Oakland	21	41	.339	17	11 ½	1-9	L-1	7-23	14-18

BOX SCORES

TAMPA BAY 6, MINNESOTA 0										
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				
Margot dh	5	1	1	0	0	.312				
Choi 1b	4	0	2	1	1	.284				
Diaz 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.266				
Arozarena lf	3	2	1	0	0	.268				
Kiermaier cf	4	1	2	2	1	.229				
Walls ss	3	1	0	1	1	.149				
Mejia c	4	0	0	0	1	.213				
Phillips rf	3	1	0	0	1	.168				
Brujan 2b	4	0	1	1	2	.157				
TOTALS	35	6	7	6	8					
Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG				

Buxton cf	4	0	0	0	2	.231
Correa ss	3	0	2	0	0	.303
Polanco 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.245
Gordon 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.254
Shrelah 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.268
Arraez dh	4	0	0	0	0	.329
Miranda 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.149
Celestino rf	2	0	0	0	0	.337
Larnach lf	4	0	1	0	1	.232
Jeffers c	3	0	1	0	0	.174
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	7	

Tampa Bay	001 220 010	—	6	7	1
Minnesota	000 000 000	—	—	—	—

E: Kiermaier (1), Sands (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 7, Minnesota 8. **2B:** Margot (8), Arozarena (14), Choi (12). **HR:** Kiermaier (7), off Duffey. **RBIs:** Choi (31), Walls (8), Brujan (9), Arozarena (31), Kiermaier 2(17). **SB:** Arozarena 2 (12), Kiermaier (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 3 (Brujan, Arozarena, Mejia); Minnesota 2 (Larnach, Arraez). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 4 for 16; Minnesota 0 for 4. **Runners moved up:** Walls, Margot, Diaz. **GIDP:** Ushela, Celestino. **DP:** Tampa Bay 2 (Walls, Brujan, Choi; Walls, Choi).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Spring, W, 3-2	5½	2	0	0	2	5	1.45
Wisler	¾	0	0	0	1	0	2.15
Beeks	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.38
Faucher	1	1	0	0	0	1	15.75
Poche	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.40

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sands, L, 0-3	4½	5	5	5	1	5	8.82
Thornburg	2½	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Duffey	2	1	1	1	2	6	3.38

Inherited runners-scored: Wisler 1-0, Thornburg 1-0. **HBP:** Sands 2 (Arozarena, Arozarena). **WP:** Poche, Sands, Duffey. T: 3:17. A: 25,350 (38,544).

HOUSTON 9, MIAMI 4

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Chisholm Jr. 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.251
Rojas ss	4	0	1	0	1	.213
Soler dh	4	1	0	0	1	.216
Aguilar 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.252
Sanchez cf	4	0	0	0	1	.225
Asudillo 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.308
Fortes c	2	1	0	0	0	.333
De La Cruz rf	3	1	1	3	0	.230
Williams lf	3	0	0	0	1	.259
TOTALS	32	4	3	3	6	
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Altuve 2b	5	2	3	3	2	.279
Brantley lf	4	2	1	2	1	.291
McCormick lf	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Bregman 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.225
Alvarez dh	4	0	3	2	0	.311
Tucker rf	5	0	1	0	1	.259
Gurriel 1b	3	1	1	0	0	.221
Pena ss	3	2	2	2	0	.277
Castro c	4	1	1	0	1	.102
Sirif cf	3	1	0	0	1	.193
TOTALS	35	9	14	9	6	

Miami	000 000 400	—	4	3	0
Houston	100 400 04x	—	9	14	13

E: Castro (2), Pena (10), Altuve (4). **LOB:** Miami 2, Houston 8. **2B:** Alvarez (10), Gurriel (18), Alvarez (7), Bregman (14). **HR:** De La Cruz (2), off Verlander; Pena (9), off Cabrera; Altuve (12), off Head. **RBIs:** De La Cruz 3 (12), Brantley 2 (20), Pena 2 (27), Alvarez 2 (41), Altuve 3 (23). **SB:** Pena (6). **CS:** Alvarez (1). **SF:** Alvarez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 1 (Aguilar); Houston 5 (Sirif, Gurriel, Castro, Tucker 2). **RISP:** Miami 1for 5; Houston 3for 14. **Runners moved up:** Sanchez, Brantley, Castro, Alvarez. **MIAMI** IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Cabrera, L, 2-1	3¾	7	5	5	3	3.45
Nance	2½	2	0	0	0	3.60
Bleier	2	0	0	0	0	5.65
Sulser	¾	0	0	0	0	3.86
Head	¾	2	4	4	1	7.08
Zabala	¾	1	0	0	1	0.00

HOUSTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Verlander, W, 8-2 7 3 4 0 0 1 5 1.94

Neris, H, 12 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.77

Pressly 1 0 1 0 0 1 2.87

Inherited runners-scored: Nance 2-1, Sulser 2-0, Zabala 1-1. **HBP:** Head (Pena). **WP:** Cabrera. T: 3:21. A: 29,341.

MILWAUKEE 4, WASHINGTON 1

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	4	1	1	0	0	.242
Adames ss	4	1	2	3	0	.250
Tellez 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.201
Urbias 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.218
Matias 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.182
McCutchen dh	4	1	1	1	0	.233
Narvaez c	4	0	2	0	0	.283
Renfroef rf	4	0	0	0	1	.246
Peterson 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.217
Taylor cf	3	1	2	0	1	.228
TOTALS	35	4	9	4	5	
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Thomas cf	5	0	1	0	2	.241
Hernandez 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.270
Soto rf	3	0	1	0	1	.230
Cruz dh	3	0	1	0	1	.267
Bell 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.302
Hernandez lf	2	0	0	0	0	.261
a-Franco ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	.262
Ruiz c	3	0	1	0	0	.266
Garcias ss	4	0	2	0	0	.372
Adrianza 3b-lf	4	0	0	0	1	.133
TOTALS	33	1	8	1	8	

Milwaukee	001 020 001	—	4	9	0
Washington	000 010 000	—	1	8	0

a-struck out for Hernandez in the 5th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 4, Washington 10. **2B:** Tellez (14), Taylor (10), Adames (7), Ruiz (12). **HR:** Adames (11), off Lee; McCutchen (4), off Edwards Jr.. **RBIs:** Adames 3(28), McCutchen (24), Bell (37), SB: Cruz (2), CS: Garcia (2). **SF:** Bell. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 1 (Tellez); Washington 5 (Franco, Bell, Adrianza, Hernandez 2). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1for 3; Washington 0 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Yelich, Garcia. **MILWAUKEE** IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Alexander 4½ 7 1 1 1 3 2 2.16

Milner, W, 3-1 ¾ 1 0 0 0 1 2.45

Boxberger, H, 13 1 0 0 0 0 2 2.70

Williams, H, 14 1 0 0 0 1 0 2.62

Hader, S, 19-20 1 0 0 0 0 3 0.92

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Espino, L, 0-1 3½ 3 1 2 0 2 2.08

Lee 2½ 3 2 2 1 0 2 4.70

Machado 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 5.09

Edwards Jr. 1 1 1 1 0 0 2.58

Inherited runners-scored: Miller 2-0. **Umpires:** Home, Lance Barrett; First, Brennan Miller; Second, Ramon De Jesus; Third, Alfonso Marquez. T: 3:11. A: 22,549 (41,339).

ARIZONA 13, PHILADELPHIA 1

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Luplow lf	2	3	0	0	1	.165
Rojas 3b	5	3	2	1	0	.284
Marte 2b	4	2	1	0	0	.267
McCarthy rf	1	1	1	0	0	.230
Walker 1b	5	1	3	3	0	.207
Hager 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.201
P.Smith rf	4	0	0	0	0	.143
Hager 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.143
C.Kelly c	3	0	0	1	1	.098
Varsho dh	5	1	1	1	1	.248
Thomas cf	4	1	2	2	1	.262
Perdomo ss	4	1	2	0	0	.214
TOTALS	38	13	12	11	4	
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG

Schwarber lf	3	0	0	0	1	.208
O.Herrera lf	1	0	1	0	0	.274
Hoskins 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.232
Harper dh	4	0	0	0	1	.316
Stubbs p	0	0	0	0	0	.314
Castellanos rf	3	0	0	0	3	.251
a-Vierling ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.192
Realmutto c	4	1	3	0	1	.249
Gregorius ss	3	0	1	0	0	.316
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	1	2	.246
Stott 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.193
Moniak cf	4	0	0	0	0	.143
TOTALS	33	1	7	1	13	

Arizona	300 014 221	—	13	12	1
Philadelphia	000 100 000	—	—	1	7

a-grounded out for Castellanos in the 8th. **E:** Rojas (3), Realmuto (6). **LOB:** Arizona 10, Philadelphia 10. **2B:** Walker (10), Varsho (12), Realmuto (11). **3B:** Walker (11). **HR:** McCarthy (3), off Stubbs. **RBIs:** Varsho (28), Walker 3(31), Rojas (16), C.Kelly (2), Marte 2(22), Thomas 2(13), McCarthy (9), Bohm (21). **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 7 (Thomas 2, Varsho 3, Luplow, C.Kelly); Philadelphia 5 (Bohm 2, Stott, Realmuto 2). **RISP:** Arizona 4for 19; Philadelphia 1for 8. **Runners moved up:** Varsho, Rojas 2, Gregorius. **GIDP:** Marte, Rojas, Harper. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Marte, Perdomo, Walker); Philadelphia 2 (Gregorius, Stott, Hoskins; Realmuto 2, Hoskins).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
K.Nelson	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.93
Weaver, W, 1-0	3	3	1	1	2	4	4.91
C.Smith, H, 3	½	0	0	0	2	1	5.53
Ramirez, H, 10	1½	0	0	0	0	3	5.06
Mantiply	½	1	0	0	0	4	0.39
Poppen	1	2	0	0	1	0	2.45
Melanson	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.20

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez, L, 4-4	4½	4	4	2	4	2	4.40
Nelson	1½	2	4	4	2	1	4.80
Bellatti	¾	0	0	0	0	2	3.50
Alvarado	1	2	2	2	2	0	8.36
Norwood	1	3	2	2	1	1	8.31
Stubbs	1	1	1	1	0	0	9.00

Inherited runners-scored: Ramirez 3-0, N.Nelson 1-0, Bellatti 2-1. **HBP:** N.Nelson (Luplow). **WP:** N.Nelson. **Umpires:** Home, Jordan Baker; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Edwin Moscoso; Third, Chris Guccione. T: 3:50. A: 41,218 (42,792).

N.Y. YANKEES 18, CHI. CUBS 4

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf-2b	5	1	0	0	4	.278
Contreras c	2	0	0	0	0	.267
Higgins c	3	0	2	1	0	.325
Happ dh-lf	3	2	3	1	0	.275
Schwindel 1b-p4	0	0	1	2	2	.234
Wisdom 3b-1b 4	0	2	0	1	1	.221
Villar 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	.229
Hoerner ss	4	1	1	0	0	.283
Heyward rf	4	0	1	1	0	.223
Ortega lf-cf	4	0	2	0	2	.266
TOTAL 5	27	4	11	4	9	

SCOREBOARD

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS SCHEDULE
#2 Boston 2, #3 Golden State 2
G1: June 2: Boston 120-108.
G2: June 5: Golden State 107-88.
G3: June 8: at Boston 116-100.
G4: June 10: Golden State 107-97.
G5: Monday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
G6: Thursday: at Boston, 9 p.m.
x-G7: June 19: vs. Golden State, 8 p.m. (best-of-7; x-if necessary)

NBA FINALS SERIES STATS

Series tied 2-2.

GOLDEN STATE	G	RB	A	PPG
Stephen Curry	4	25	15	34.3
Klay Thompson	4	10	8	17.3
Andrew Wiggins	4	34	6	16.5
Jordan Poole	4	8	9	12.5
Kevin Looney	4	34	12	7.0
Otto Porter Jr.	4	9	6	5.8
Draymond Green	4	29	23	4.3
Gary Payton II	3	8	5	4.7
Nemanja Bjelica	4	7	1	2.3
Andre Iguodala	2	0	3	3.5
Moses Moody	3	0	0	0.7
Nathan Kuminga	3	1	0	0.0
Damion Lee	3	0	0	0.0
Juan	3	2	3	0.0
Toscano-Anderson				
Team	4	167	91	105.5

WARRIORS FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Curry	47	94	25	15	21
Thompson	24	67	13	38	8
Wiggins	26	60	7	22	7
Poole	18	42	9	25	5
Looney	13	18	0	2	2
Porter Jr.	7	11	7	11	2
Green	6	26	0	9	5
Payton II	5	8	1	2	3
Bjelica	4	8	1	2	0
Iguodala	3	4	1	1	0
Moody	1	1	0	0	0
Kuminga	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	0	3	0	3	0
TAndrsn	0	1	0	1	0
Team	154	343	64	165	50
				65	

BOSTON	G	RB	A	PPG
Jaylen Brown	4	28	15	22.3
Jayson Tatum	4	28	31	22.3
Marcus Smart	4	18	19	15.5
Derrick White	4	7	8	14.0
Al Horford	4	28	14	11.8
Robert Williams	4	30	5	6.3
Grant Williams	4	10	4	4.8
Payton Pritchard	4	11	5	4.0
Aaron Nesmith	3	3	2	1.3
Malik Fitts	3	0	0	1.0
Sam Hauser	3	0	1	1.0
Nik Stauskas	3	3	1	1.0
Daniel Theis	2	5	1	1.5
Luke Kornet	1	0	1	2.0
Juwan Morgan	2	0	0	0.0
Team	4	171	107	105.3

CELTICS	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
J.Brown	33	75	11	31	12	15
Tatum	28	82	14	31	19	26
Smart	23	52	10	26	6	8
White	17	45	10	20	12	12
Horford	17	29	9	16	4	7
R.Williams	12	13	0	0	1	2
G.Williams	7	13	3	8	2	4
Pritchard	6	15	3	9	1	2
Nesmith	2	5	0	2	0	0
Fitts	1	1	1	1	0	0
Hauser	1	3	1	2	0	0
Stauskas	1	3	1	3	0	0
Theis	1	2	1	2	0	0
Kornet	1	1	0	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	150	339	64	151	57	76

STATS	WARRIORS	CELTICS
Points per game	105.5	105.3
Rebounds per game	41.8	42.8
Assists per game	22.8	26.8
Steals per game	10.0	6.8
Blocked shots	4.5	6.5
Turnovers	14.8	15.0
Field goal pct.	44.9	44.2
Three-point pct.	38.8	42.4
Free throw pct.	76.9	75.0
through Game 4		

Game 1: A—18,064 (18,064), T—2:19
Boston 28 28 24 40 — 120
Golden State 32 22 38 16 — 108

Game 2: A—18,064 (18,064), T—2:22.
Boston 30 20 14 24 — 88
Golden State 31 21 35 20 — 107

Game 3: A—19,156 (18,624), T—2:26.
Golden State 22 34 33 11 — 100
Boston 33 35 25 23 — 116

Game 4: A—19,156 (18,624), T—2:24.
Golden State 27 22 30 28 — 107
Boston 28 26 24 19 — 97

FOUR-GAME TOTALS
Boston 119 109 87 106 — 421
Golden State 112 99 136 75 — 422

WNBA				
EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	10	4	.714	—
Chicago	9	4	.692	½
Washington	7	6	.600	1½
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2½
New York	5	9	.357	5
Indiana	4	12	.250	7
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	11	2	.846	—
Seattle	8	5	.615	3
Dallas	6	7	.462	5
Phoenix	5	8	.385	6
Los Angeles	5	8	.385	6
Minnesota	3	11	.214	8½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 88, New York 86
Seattle 84, Dallas 79
Phoenix 99, Washington 90 (OT)
Indiana 84, Minnesota 80

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Dallas, 1p.m.
Atlanta at Connecticut, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Indiana, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULT

Las Vegas 78, Los Angeles 72

HORSE RACING

154TH BELMONT STAKES

11th race at Belmont Park, Elmont, N.Y. Purse \$1,500,000, Stakes, 3-Year-Olds, One Mile and One Half, Dirt, Cloudy
Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets
Off 6:47. Good.
Fractional/Final Time: 23.99, 48.49, 1:13.23, 1:37.74, 2:03.06, 2:28.28.
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Winner: Mo Donegal, Bay Colt, by Uncle Mo out of Callingmissbrown, by Pulpit.
Foaled Apr 19, 2019In Kentucky.
Horse **Wgt** **PP** **S** **1/4** **1/2** **3/4** **Fin** **Jockey** **Odds**
Mo Donegal 126 6 6-1 5-1/24-11/2 3-1 1-3 1-3 I. Ortiz Jr2.60
Nest 121 3 3-1 3-13-1/2 4-3 2-nd 2-31/4 J. Ortiz25.30
Skippyalongstocking 126 22-nd 2-1/2 2-1 2-nd 4-6 3-3/4 M. Franco 11.80
We the People 126 1 1-1 1-11-1/2 1-nd 3-nd 4-5 F. Prat 3.90
Creative Minister 126 55-nd 6-15-1/2 5-1/2 5-1/2 5-11/4 B. Hernandez Jr 7.70
Rich Strike 126 7 8 8 8 6-1 6-3 6-11/4 S. Leon 4.10
Barber Road 126 7 7-17-11/27-1/27-21/2 7-5 7-7 J. Rosario 8.70
Golden Glider 126 74-1/2 4-nd 6-1 8 8 8 D. Davis 14.60
Time: 23.99 48.49 1:13.23 1:37.74 2:03.06 2:28.28.
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
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Foaled Apr 19, 2019 in Kentucky.

6 Mo Donegal	7.20	3.80	3.00
3 Nest		5.30	4.10
25Skippyalongstocking			5.60

\$1Pick 6(1-4-4-1-7-6) 6Correct Paid \$4,226.50.
\$0.2Pick 6(2DAY P6)3-5-1-4-7-6) 6Correct Paid \$383.80.
\$1Pick 6(1-4-4-1-7-6) 5Correct Paid \$40.50.
\$0.50Pick 5(4-4-1-7-6) 5Correct Paid \$1,158.25.
\$0.50Pick 5(4-1-7-6) 4Correct Paid \$221.25.
\$2.00Pick 4(2DAY P4) 5-7-7-6) 4Correct Paid \$2,828.00.
\$1Pick 3(1-7-6) 3Correct Paid \$67.65.
\$0.50Trifecta (6-3-2) paid \$93.75.
\$0.10Superfecta (6-3-2-1) paid \$69.20.
\$1Exacta (6-3) paid \$13.80.
\$1Daily Double (7-6) paid \$57.25.
\$1Daily Double (2DAY Gold Cup/Belmont) (1-6) paid \$12.00.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
June 1: N.Y. Rangers 6-2.
June 3: N.Y. Rangers 3-2.
June 5: Tampa Bay 3-2.
June 7: Tampa Bay 4-1.
June 9: Tampa Bay 3-1.
June 11: Tampa Bay 2-1.

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Tampa Bay vs. Colorado
G1: Wednesday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
G2:June 18: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
G3: June 20: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
G4: June 22: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G5:June 24: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
x-G6: June 26: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G7: June 28: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

TOYOTA / SAVE MART 350

Sunday at Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, Calif., Lap length: 1.99 miles
FN ST DRIVER M LAP PT
1 8 Daniel Suárez C 110 47
2 3 Chris Buescher F 110 43
3 4 Michael McDowell F 110 37
4 23 Kevin Harvick F 110 39
5 25 Austin Cindric F 110 32
6 14 Ryan Blaney F 110 32
7 7 Ross Chastain C 110 30
8 2 Chase Elliott C 110 29
9 20 William Byron C 110 28
10 22 Brad Keselowski F 110 28
11 13 Austin Dillon C 110 26
12 18 Justin Haley C 110 32
13 15 Chase Briscoe F 110 24
14 21 Aric Almirola F 110 38
15 1 Kyle Larson C 110 32
16 19 Alex Bowman C 110 21
17 9 Joey Logano F 110 39
18 11 Kurt Busch T 110 22
19 16 AJ Allmendinger C 110 0
20 17 Joey Hand F 110 17
21 6 Cole Custer F 110 16
22 33 Erik Jones C 110 15
23 34 Ty Dillon C 110 14
24 24 Todd Gilliland F 110 18
25 32 Ricky Stenhouse Jr C 110 16
26 28 Martin Truex Jr T 110 11
27 31 Christopher Bell T 110 10
28 26 Harrison Burton F 110 18
29 29 Josh Billicki C 110 0
30 12 Kyle Busch T 110 15
31 10 Denny Hamlin T 110 6
32 36 Cody Ware F 109 6
33 35 Scott Heckert F 109 0
34 30 Corey Lajoie C 101 3
35 5 Tyler Reddick C 97 2
36 27 Bubba Wallace T 9-e 1
e-engine; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford, T-Toyota

Winner's average speed: 78.005 mph.
Time: 2 hours, 48 minutes, 22 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 3.849 seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 14 laps.
Lead Changes: 6 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Larson 0-26; C.Elliott 1, 27-52; J.Logano 53-56; C.Buescher 57-60; D.Suárez 61-81; B.Keselowski 82-84; D.Suárez 85-110
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D.Suárez, 2 times for 47 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 26 laps; K.Larson, 1 time for 26 laps; C.Buescher, 1 time for 4 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 3 laps.
Wins: R.Chastain, 2; J.Logano, 2; W.Byron, 2; D.Hamlin, 2; C.Elliott, 1; Ky.Busch, 1; K.Larson, 1; A.Bowman, 1; C.Briscoe, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; A.Cindric, 1.
Top 16 in Points: C.Elliott, 507; 2. Ky.Busch, 498; 3. R.Chastain, 490; 4. R.Blaney, 479; 5. M.Truxx, 470; 6. J.Logano, 467; 7. K.Larson, 444; 8. A.Bowman, 439; 9. W.Byron, 438; 10. C.Bell, 434; 11. A.Almirola, 385; 12. T.Reddick, 379; 13. K.Harvick, 377; 14. C.Briscoe, 362; 15. E.Jones, 353; 16. A.Dillon, 350.

CUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE

June 26: Ally 400, Lebanon, Tenn.
July 3: Kwik Trip 250 presented by JOCKEY Made in America, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
July 10: Quaker State 400 Presented by Walmart, Hampton, Ga.

INDYCAR SONSIO GRAND PRIX AT ROAD AMERICA

At Road America, Plymouth, Wis.
Lap length: 4.014 miles
FNSTDRIVER MK LAP
1 2 Josef Newgarden D-H 55
2 4 Marcus Ericsson D-H 55
3 1 Alexander Rossi D-H 55
4 6 Romain Grosjean D-H 55
5 11 Colton Herta D-H 55
6 7 Felix Rosenqvist D-C 55
7 8 Scott McLaughlin D-C 55
8 2 Graham Rahal D-H 55
9 22 Scott Dixon D-H 55
10 13 Christian Lindgaard D-H 55
11 12 Callum Iott D-C 55
12 10 Simon Pagenaud D-H 55
13 20 Jack Harvey D-H 55
14 18 Conor Daly D-C 55
15 19 Takuma Sato D-H 55
16 14 David Malukas D-H 55
17 17 Rinus VeeKay D-C 55
18 21 Devlin DeFrancesco D-H 55.
19 15 Will Power D-C 55
20 24 Kyle Kirkwood D-C 55.
21 27 Simona De Silvestro D-C 55.
22 16 Helio Castroneves D-H 55
23 23 Dalton Kellett D-C 55
24 26 Jimmie Johnson D-H 54
25 25 Tatiana Calderon D-C 54
26 5 Pato O'Ward D-C 46
27 3 Alex Palou D-H 36
Winner's average speed: 117.172 mph.
Time: 01:53:02.8097.
Margin of Victory: 3.3710 seconds.
Cautions: 5 for 9 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Rossi 1-14, Ericsson 15-16, Sato 17, Rosenqvist 18-24, Newgarden 25-27, Rossi 28-29, Grosjean 30, Lundgaard 31, Newgarden 32-41, Ericsson 42, Newgarden 43.
Points: Ericsson 293, Power 266, Newgarden 261, O'Ward 248, Palou 246, Dixon 224, Rossi 218, Rosenqvist 203, McLaughlin 199, Pagenaud 197.

UPCOMING NTT INDYCAR RACES

July 3: Indy 200, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
July 17: Honda Indy Toronto, Streets of Toronto (Canada)
July 23: HyVeeDeals250 ,Iowa Speedway-Race 1
July 24: HyVee Salute to Farmers 300, Iowa Speedway-Race 2
July 30: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	2	26	25	10
Philadelphia	6	1	7	25	19	10
CF Montréal	7	5	2	23	28	26
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	4	5	23	24	17
Orlando City	6	5	3	21	17	20
Charlotte FC	6	8	1	19	15	18
Cincinnati	6	7	1	19	21	25
New England	5	5	4	19	24	24
Inter Miami CF	5	6	3	18	15	22
Columbus	4	5	4	16	17	16
Atlanta	4	5	4	16	20	20
Toronto FC	4	7	3	15	21	27
D.C. United	4	7	2	14	17	23
Chicago	2	7	5	11	13	20
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	9	3	2	29	29	16
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	24	13
Real Salt Lake	7	4	4	25	18	19
Austin FC	7	4	3	24	28	18
LA Galaxy	7	5	2	23	17	15
Nashville	6	4	5	23	18	17
Houston	5	6	3	18	17	16
Minnesota United	5	6	3	18	15	15
Colorado	5	6	3	18	16	17
Vancouver	5	7	2	17	16	24
Seattle	5	6	1	16	15	16
Portland	3	6	6	15	21	25
San Jose	3	6	6	15	25	32
Sporting KC	3	9	4	13	14	28
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

SUNDAY'S RESULT

New England 2, Sporting KC 1

TUESDAY'S MATCH

Vancouver at Seattle, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH

Orlando City at New England, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Los Angeles FC at Seattle, 3p.m.
Portland at LA Galaxy, 5p.m.
Toronto FC at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Charlotte FC at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at Chicago, 8p.m.
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Miami at Atlanta, 3p.m.
Colorado at New York City FC, 5p.m.
Sporting KC at Nashville, 6p.m.
Minnesota at New England, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte FC 2, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
San Jose 0, Nashville 0

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego FC	4	2	3	15	13	8
Chicago	4	1	3	15	12	9
Portland	3	1	4	13	13	7
Angel City FC	4	3	1	13	7	8
Houston	2	2	3	12	11	7
OL Reign	2	2	4	10	6	6
Gotham FC	3	3	0	9	9	9
Washington	1	3	5	8	8	10
Louisville	2	4	2	8	8	17
Kansas City	2	4	2	8	6	13
Orlando	2	4	2	8	9	18
North Carolina	2	3	1	7	9	9

Three points for win, one point for tie.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Irish stun No. 1 Vols, advance to CWS

Freshman Jack Findlay threw five shutout innings in relief and back-to-back home runs by catcher David LaManna and Jack Brannigan in the seventh sparked Notre Dame to a stunning 7-3 victory over No. 1 overall seed Tennessee in the championship game of the Knoxville Super Regional on Sunday. Notre Dame (40-15) will be making just its third College World Series appearance. The Fighting Irish's other trips came in 1957 and 2002. Findlay (6-2) worked out of a jam after entering the game in the bottom of the fifth with nobody out, a run in and a runner on second, trailing 3-1. Findlay held the Volunteers in check, allowing a single and two walks, while striking out four. He ended the game with a double play. Notre Dame coach Link Jarrett touted Tennessee as 'the best No. 1 team in college sport this year' entering the super regional. Instead, for the first time in 20 years, it's the Irish who will be playing in the CWS. Tennessee (57-9) was trying for its second straight CWS berth and sixth overall. Notre Dame beat the Vols 8-6 on Friday. Tennessee won 12-4 in Game 2. The Vols led the nation in home runs and earned-run average entering super regional play. Tennessee entered the game 49-0 when leading after six innings.

Big 1st at European tour mixed event



A female player has won an event on the European tour for the first time. Linn Grant made history in amazing style, too. The 22-year-old Swede obliterated a field of both male and female golfers at the Scandinavian Mixed event on Sunday, winning by nine strokes after an 8-under 64 in the final round at Halmstad Golf Club. Remarkably, she finished 14 strokes clear of the next best woman, Gabriella Cowley, who tied for 15th. "I hope people recognize women's golf more now," said Grant, who demonstrated brilliant ball-striking and a calm temperament all week in southern Sweden. It was the second staging of a tournament that started with 78 men and 78 women in the field, playing the same course — off different tees — for one prize fund and one trophy. Grant, above, said her main aim this week was to beat the men. "That was the most important thing. ... I felt it was girls against the guys," she said. Swedish great Henrik Stenson, Europe's captain for the 2023 Ryder Cup, hosted the event with compatriot and Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam and shot 70 to tie for second with Marc Warren (65).

Newgarden nets \$1M bonus for win

Josef Newgarden wanted to thank the pet service that helped him adopt his 30-pound mutt, Axel, that has become part of his family. The Team Penske driver repaid the shelter — literally — with his performance behind the wheel. Newgarden earned a \$1 million bonus Sunday for winning at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, where his third win of the season completed a trifecta of victories on IndyCar's different circuits. That means, among other things, he Nashville chapter of Wags and Walks can build a new dog adoption center. Newgarden won on the oval at Texas and the street course in Long Beach this season, and headed to Road America searching for a road course win that would make him the first IndyCar driver this season to win on all three circuits. The reward was a \$1 million payout from The PeopleReady Force for Good Challenge, which split the bonus between Team Penske and charities of Newgarden's choice. The American selected Wags and Walks of Nashville and SeriousFun Children's Network. Newgarden beat Indianapolis 500 winner Marcus Ericsson of Chip Ganassi Racing by 3.371-seconds following two late restarts, but Ericsson reclaimed the points lead with the runner-up finish. —AP



Lightning players celebrate during the team's Eastern Conference final series-clinching victory over the Rangers on Saturday night. The two-time defending champion Lightning will take on the Avalanche in the Stanley Cup Final, which opens Wednesday in Denver. JULIO AGUILAR/GETTY

STANLEY CUP FINAL EARLY LOOK

Clash has plenty of flash

In quest for 3rd straight title, Lightning to face 'electric' Avs

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

Steven Stamkos watched the Avalanche the last few years and figured he and the Lightning would see them in the Stanley Cup Final before this. The Lightning are back, looking for the NHL's first three-peat in almost 40 years, and the Avalanche core led by Nathan MacKinnon is finally playing for the Cup following a series of crushing playoff disappointments. A potentially epic best-of-seven series between the two-time defending champions and hockey's best in the West begins with Game 1 on Wednesday night in Denver. Stamkos called the Avalanche "probably the best team in the league" and knows the Lightning will have their hands full slowing down the offensive juggernaut that leads the postseason in scoring. "There's no secret that they have some electric players," Stamkos said Saturday night after the Lightning closed out the Rangers in six games in the Eastern Conference final. "Now they've broken through. They just have an unbelievable mix of veteran presence, star power, grinders, a goalie. A huge challenge for us." It's perhaps the biggest challenge yet for the Lightning since this unprecedented run of playoff success in the salary cap era began two years ago. The Lightning aren't just the first team to go to the final three consecutive years since the cap was put into place in 2005, but the first in league history since Wayne Gretzky's Oilers from 1983-85. The Lightning are looking to become the first to three-peat since the Islanders won

the Cup four times in a row from 1980-83. "There's still some games to be played and we're still not at the end of our goal, but in saying that, this group is pretty amazing," said Stamkos, who scored twice in the clinching 2-1 victory against the Rangers. "We're going to the finals again, and we have a chance to do something really special." This is the Lightning's fourth trip to the final since 2015. Stamkos, top defenseman Victor Hedman, wingers Nikita Kucherov, Ondrej Palat and Alex Killorn, goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy and coach Jon Cooper have been around for all of it, from the loss to the Blackhawks seven years ago to two East final exits, an embarrassing first-round sweep after the best regular season in league history and the back-to-back championships. MacKinnon, Gabriel Landeskog, Mikko Rantanen and the Avalanche have until this point only experienced the playoff low, bowing out in the first or second round each of the last four years while the Lightning were making long runs. "That's what every team is trying to (do) is not just to get there but stay there and be relevant every season," Avalanche coach Jared Bednar said. "They're in all the conversations as one of the best teams in the league and then go out and prove that they are one." The Avalanche aren't there yet, but they've come a long way in the decade-plus since veteran defenseman Erik Johnson arrived at the start of a seven-year run with just one playoff appearance. "There's been a lot of ups and downs," Doorn said. "We've been knocking on the door here the last couple years. Some injuries and things that happened along the way, you never know if that opportunity's going to come." That opportunity sometimes passes hockey's best players by. The Sharks' Joe

Thornton and Patrick Marleau, the Rangers' Henrik Lundqvist and many others only reached the final once. According to six-time champion Mark Messier, the key to winning is trust among teammates. "Trust is everything," said Messier, now an ESPN analyst. "You've got to be able to trust everybody that's going on the ice to make the right decisions, and that's the beauty of playoff hockey because nobody can win alone. Everybody needs the person sitting next to you to be their best, and you've got to be confident that they're putting in the work and the detail in order to be the best they can be." That trust has developed for Bednar's Avalanche over his last six years behind the bench. It's well-established for the Lightning, to the point Stamkos brought it up unprompted Saturday night and sounded just like Messier. "Trust, that's the word," the Lightning's longtime captain said. "We trust every guy that goes over that boards to do his job. Whether you score a goal or not, it's the little things that you do. It's the defending, it's the blocked shots, it's the sacrifice, it's not complaining about your role. It's just going out and just playing as hard as you can for the next guy that sits beside you in that locker room." Only the Avalanche, looking for the organization's first championship since 2001, stand in the way of the Lightning hoisting the Cup a third consecutive time. "We don't know what's going to happen here in the next 10 to 14 days, but we know we're going to give it our all," Stamkos said. "It's gotten us this far again, and it's just a special group and a treat to be a part of." AP writers Arnie Stapleton in Denver and Fred Goodall in Tampa, Fla., contributed.

NBA FINALS

Celtics seek strategy to slow Curry

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As the Celtics search for answers in an effort to stop Stephen Curry in these NBA Finals, they know even their best defense won't always be good enough. "Steph Curry is pretty good, if you guys haven't noticed. He can shoot the ball unbelievably," Celtics guard Jaylen Brown said Sunday. "Even watching it, playing against it and even in the finals, I feel like he's taking it up a notch a little bit. He had a hell of a performance in Game 4, and we have to respond to that." Whether the Celtics can do a better job containing the two-time league MVP will be a major key as the best-of-seven series resumes at Chase Center on Monday night with the teams tied 2-2. Coach Ime Udoka is calling for the Celtics to mix things up and be more physical on the heels of Curry's 43-point masterpiece in the Warriors' 107-97 victory Friday in Boston. Udoka will allow his guards some leeway in deciding exactly where to begin pressuring the Warriors' superstar — often starting well beyond the 3-point arc with the big men staying at the ready to assist. Curry went 14-for-26 with seven 3-pointers and also grabbed 10 rebounds. Once he finds a rhythm, he can hit from anywhere, even with a defender's hand in his face. But Udoka realizes how the career 3-point leader can quickly become just as dangerous a playmaker, too. "Obviously, the range extends the floor some. Some of the shots that he's hitting are only shots that he can hit and have been highly contested," Udoka said. "He's hit a few of those." The 34-year-old Curry recorded the second-best scoring performance of his final career — second only to the 47 points he put up in Game 3 of 2019 against the eventual champion Raptors — and joined Michael Jordan and LeBron James as the only players age 34 or older with at least 40 points in a finals game. So, was watching the film session from Friday's game almost as fun for Curry as what he did during it? "Whether you play well individually or not, you always know what happens at the end. It's like watching the end of a movie. It's always nice to know that the movie turns out great at the end," he said. "But I think it's more so just the balance of watching what worked and trying to understand those patterns so that you can repeat that for the next game. Maybe anticipate some adjustments that might happen. Try to slow it down and try to be one step ahead of that. In the meantime, also watching a lot of different reactions in the crowd and on the bench and stuff like that, too. That's always some good entertainment." When told he's 3-0 in his purple game sneakers, Curry could only laugh and hope he hadn't now been jinxed. And, no, he wasn't keeping track of that obscure stat. "I did not even know that, so I appreciate you," Curry said. "I don't know if that messes with the juju on there if I'm aware of the record now. I've got a lot of different colors, so we'll see. We'll see what happens. Got me thinking now, too." Celtics center Robert Williams III is still dealing with soreness in his troublesome left knee. He had surgery in March to repair torn cartilage before returning for Game 3 of the first round against the Nets. The Celtics continue to monitor him, though Udoka said the 6-foot-9 big man was better Sunday. The Celtics didn't find a specific moment on film that showed when Williams might have re-aggravated the tender knee. "Doing better, the day off, the rest, equalized with today and tomorrow, optimistic he'll be good to go," Udoka said. "But we'll test it before the game as usual."

WEATHER

MONDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Morning clouds giving way to partial afternoon sunshine, chance for a shower early. Northwest wind at 5 to 10 mph.

HIGH

86°

LOW

60°

TUESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Sunshine with some fair weather clouds, warm.

HIGH

85°

LOW

59°

WEDNESDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Mostly sunny and warm.

HIGH

86°

LOW

58°

THURSDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Partly sunny, remaining warm. Showers and thunderstorms are possible at night.

HIGH

82°

LOW

67°

FRIDAY

SUNRISE

NOON

SUNSET

Considerable cloudiness, chance for scattered showers and thunderstorms, humid.

HIGH

88°

LOW

61°

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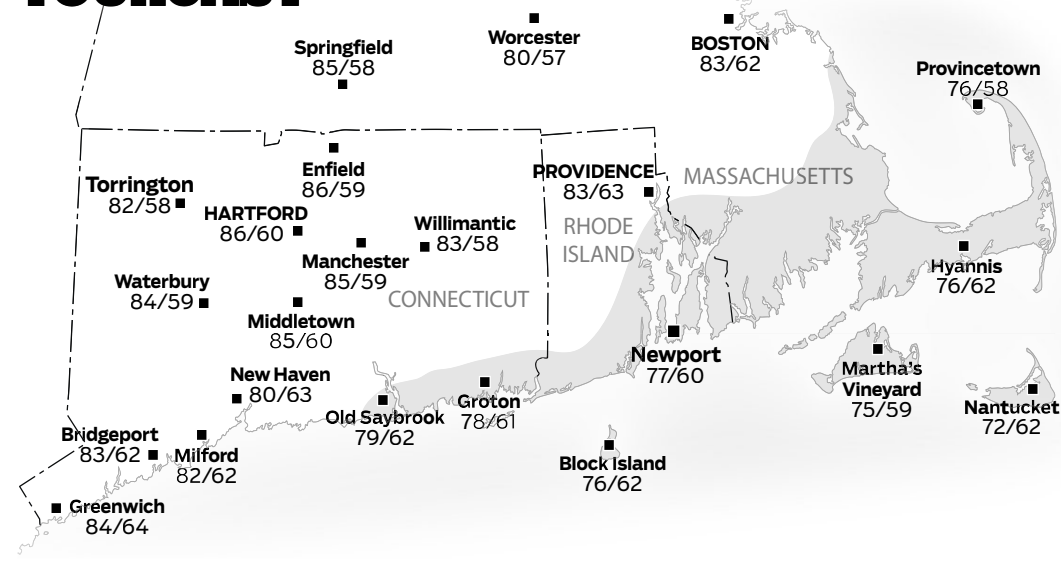
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A cold front slowly crossing Connecticut will cause some early clouds and the chance for a couple showers, especially in southern and eastern portions of the state, then partial clearing will be developing. Temperatures will be warm with highs ranging from the upper 70s to the mid-80s. The dew point will start the day in the low to mid-60s before dropping back into the 50s later on in the day. High pressure will bring a good deal of sunshine Tuesday and Wednesday with highs inland in the low to mid-80s and dew points in the 50s. It turns humid again for the end of the week.

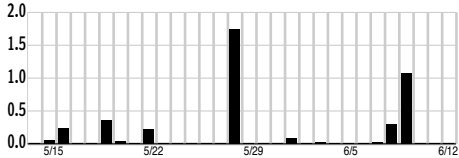
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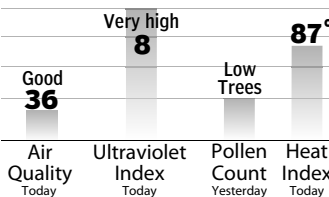
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.15
Month to date	1.52	1.79
Total this year	19.10	19.68

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

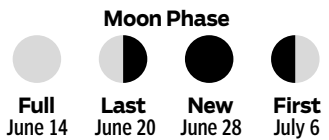
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:26 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	7:50 p.m.	9:14 p.m.
Moonset	4:12 a.m.	5:01 a.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:54 a.m.	3:19 a.m.	62°
Saybrook Jetty	9:12 p.m.	3:11 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	10:05 a.m.	4:12 a.m.	64°
Madison	10:23 p.m.	4:04 p.m.	
New Haven	12:16 a.m.	7:58 a.m.	
Stamford	12:48 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	
	10:33 a.m.	4:21 a.m.	64°
	10:46 p.m.	4:28 p.m.	
	10:53 a.m.	4:45 a.m.	64°
	11:06 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	
	10:57 a.m.	4:59 a.m.	61°
	11:10 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 3.61 feet at 5:30 p.m.

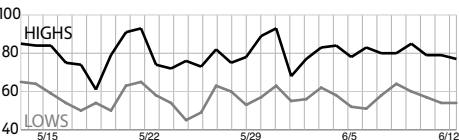
Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	AM Shower	AM Shower	Shower/Fog
Wind	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	77 at 1:57 p.m.	54 at 4:15 a.m.
Normal for date	79	57
Record for date	97 in 1973	40 in 1980
A year ago	76	59
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days

Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 12	140	88
		129

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.00 at 8 a.m.	29.94 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	61° at 6 p.m.	52° at 4 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	68 54 SH
Burlington	76 56 PC
Caribou	63 53 SH
Concord	83 54 PC
Montpelier	72 50 PC
Mt. Wash.	49 37 PC
Portland	76 57 PC
Woods Hole	79 60 PC

NATION

Albany	80 57 PC
Albuquerque	97 66 PC
Atlantic City	85 67 PC

Baltimore

Baltimore	88 70 PC
Bismarck	81 65 C
Boise	60 40 PC
Buffalo	74 59 PC
Charleston	92 77 PC
Cincinnati	94 76 PC
Cleveland	80 66 PC
Indianapolis	92 78 PC
Jacksonville	92 74 T
Las Vegas	98 73 S
Miami Beach	91 78 S
Milwaukee	74 62 SH

Nashville

Nashville	97 77 PC
New Orleans	91 77 PC
New York	86 66 PC
Oklahoma City	99 75 S
Omaha	99 77 PC
Orlando	93 75 PC
Pittsburgh	86 71 PC
Raleigh	94 76 PC
St. Louis	104 81 PC
Salt Lake City	68 39 SH
San Antonio	97 78 PC
San Diego	70 64 C

San Juan

San Juan	88 77 PC
Tucson	106 77 S

WORLD

Amsterdam	65 49 PC
Athens	87 72 PC
Bangkok	96 82 C
Beijing	83 75 SH
Beirut	84 65 SH
Berlin	79 71 SH
Bermuda	70 49 PC
Buenos Aires	80 75 PC
Cairo	95 73 S
Cancun	89 79 PC
Dubai	104 87 S
Dublin	66 48 PC
Edinburgh	64 50 C
Helsinki	64 49 PC
Hong Kong	84 76 SH
Istanbul	80 65 PC
Jerusalem	75 60 PC
Johannesburg	66 43 S
Kingston	90 74 PC
Lisbon	86 64 S
London	73 53 PC
Madrid	101 72 S
Mexico City	75 56 SH
Milan	92 68 S
Montreal	71 60 SH
Moscow	74 58 SH
Nassau	86 80 PC
New Delhi	114 94 S
Paris	76 54 S
Prague	68 48 SH
Rio de Janeiro	70 65 C
Rome	88 65 S
Seoul	78 59 SH
Singapore	88 77 SH
Stockholm	68 51 PC
Sydney	66 44 S
Tel Aviv	84 71 PC
Tokyo	68 58 SH
Toronto	70 59 PC
Vancouver	62 51 SH
Warsaw	71 50 SH



STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Rangers run out of energy

By Filip Bondy
New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. — The box score will say that the game, the series, the season, were all lost on another freak goal Saturday night, a rebound off the left leg of Steven Stamkos at 13:28 of the third period.

But really, Game 6 — the final, futile stand in the Rangers' stirring play-off run — had long before turned into another night of Igor Shesterkin against the world. You just wondered how long the poor fellow would hang in there, patrolling his busy, blue crease. Shesterkin stopped tips, deflections, semi-breakaways and stuffs. The burned-out Rangers were not doing nearly enough in front of him, so it was all going to be up to the goaltender again. The Lightning kept coming at him, with just one tactic in

mind.

"In the end, put it where he ain't," Lightning coach Jon Cooper told ESPN.

Then, as so often happens, a first goal arrived out of nowhere at 10:43 of the second period. It came on a 45-foot wrist shot by Stamkos from the top of the right circle, through Ryan Lindgren and then, somehow, past Shesterkin. The puck zipped by the goalie, near post, stick side, unscreened. It was not the sort of shot that is supposed to hand-cuff the best goaltender in the world, but then that is hockey. You throw the puck at goal enough times, something is bound to happen.

Frank Vatrano tied the score, ever so briefly, on a power play goal at 13:07 of the third period. Just 21 seconds later, Stamkos scored his second goal of the game, his fifth of this series. Stamkos' shot came out of Shesterkin's glove, knocked

back into Stamkos' knee, then into the net. A review showed the puck was not kicked in, so it counted.

Tampa Bay beat the Rangers, 2-1, and took the Eastern Conference finals, 4-2. It was an abrupt, unforgiving end for the visitors, who dropped four straight games in the series after it appeared the Rangers were headed for their first Stanley Cup finals in eight years. The two goals by Stamkos were all the Lightning needed, because the Rangers were dead on their feet long before the final buzzer.

This was the Rangers' 20th playoff game, their sixth elimination game, in just 40 days. That sort of pressure and brinksmanship takes its physical and psychological toll. The offense simply dried up.

"I would have loved to have two days off," Gerard Gallant said. "They're a big, big defensive team. But

it's fatigue, no doubt in my mind."

"They looked slow; they looked lethargic," ESPN analyst and former Ranger Mark Messier commented, sadly, between periods. "They don't have time to weather the storm. They have to create their own storm."

So the Rangers' season ended without the silver trophy for the 81st time in 82 years. But the disappointment feels a little different this time. It had been seven years since the Rangers advanced this far in the playoffs — when they lost to the Lightning in the 2015 conference finals. There are glowing, near-future possibilities. The Rangers are one of the youngest teams in the league, and they own the best goaltender in the NHL.

They just have to get by the Lightning one of these years. Even dynasties don't last forever.

Lacrosse

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Garone came out and scored three goals in the first three minutes of the second half.

"At halftime, we knew we

had been there before, but their transition game and their ground ball wins were too much for us to overcome," Northwest coach Scott Kossbiel said.

Sophomore John Staunton led Northwest with two goals and fellow

sophomore Brady Brennan had the third. Northwest's junior goalkeeper Hunter Willcox had 18 saves.

"We're extremely blessed and fortunate to be here," Kossbiel said. "We started coming together really closely in early May,

ripped off a bunch of wins. We were actually down in every playoff game we played this year; the guys clawed back and won every game but today."

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Running

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"It means a lot to win it." Last year, the field was limited to 500 and there was no prize money and no elite field. The race was planned when the rules with crowds and gatherings were different due to COVID-19, and by the time the race rolled around in June, those rules had been relaxed but the plans stayed in place. The race started in the morning at a different spot than the Village Green and had a rolling start.

There were few spectators and no parties or bands.

Sunday, the festive atmosphere was back: the start and finish on the Green, the crowds of spectators cheering, the parties on the course.

Mimi Fallon of Walpole, Mass., has been coming to Litchfield for years (she finished second in the women's race in 1999). She ran it unofficially in 2020 and was back again last year for the pared-down race.

"The excitement, the environment — it's great to have everybody back together," said Fallon, 57,

who won her age group in 49:30. "It's been a tough couple of years."

Van Ord came because her coach Peter Rea grew up in Farmington and brings athletes to the race each year.

"He really loves this race; he said it was a good opportunity for me," said Van Ord, who finished fifth at the Rotterdam Marathon on April 13 in 2:29:32.

"Oh my gosh, I loved it. The atmosphere was so great. The hills were just awesome. The people on the course were amazing. It was really fun."

Tuxbury, 28, was coming off two marathons — Boston in April, in which she was the 23rd female finisher with a personal best of 2:38:15, and she won Vermont City on May 29 in 2:39:58.

"I was very surprised [with her time] because I ran Boston, and Vermont City two weeks ago," she said. "Boston was a PR, Vermont City was like a minute off my PR, so I was expecting today to be a disaster."

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Saturday's late high school result

BASEBALL

CIAC State Tournaments
Class M—Championship at Palmer Field, Middletown
Barlow 20, Woodland 1
Sunday's high school schedule

BOYS LACROSSE

CIAC State Tournaments
Class L—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
Staples 12, Darien 3
Class M—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
Wilton 22, Notre Dame-West Haven 6
Class S—Championship at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield
Weston 16, Northwest Catholic 3
Monday's high school schedule

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Hammer Throw Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Hammer Throw Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday's high school schedule

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Decathlon (Day One) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Heptathlon (Day One) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10:30 a.m.
Steeplechase Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday's high school schedule

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Decathlon (Day Two) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10 a.m.
Steeplechase Championship at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Heptathlon (Day Two) at Willow Brook Park, New Britain, 10 a.m.
Saturday's late college result

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 1
UConn 13, Stanford 12
Sunday's college schedule

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 2
UConn at Stanford, late
Monday's college schedule

BASEBALL

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Super Regionals (best-of-3)
Game 3 (if necessary)
UConn at Stanford, time TBD
Eastern League standings
Northeast: W; L; PCT: GB
Hartford: 38; 19; .667; —
Somerset: 35; 21; .625; 2.5
New Hampshire: 27; 29; .482; 10.5
Reading: 24; 32; .429; 13.5
Portland: 24; 33; .421; 14
Binghamton: 21; 35; .375; 16.5
Southwest: W; L; PCT; GB
Richmond: 33; 24; .579; —
Akron: 32; 25; .561; 1
Erie: 31; 26; .544; 2
Altoona: 27; 29; .482; 5.5
Harrisburg: 26; 31; .456; 7
Bowie: 21; 35; .375; 11.5
Saturday's late results
Hartford 7, Portland 3
Harrisburg 2, Bowie 1 (10)
Richmond 6, Erie 5
New Hampshire 7, Binghamton 5
Altoona 5, Reading 2
Somerset 6, Akron 0

Sunday's results

Hartford 6, Portland 3
Harrisburg 2, Bowie 1 (11)
Akron 7, Somerset 1 (10)
Binghamton 7, New Hampshire 4
Richmond 5, Erie 4 (10)
Altoona at Reading, late
Tuesday's schedule
Erie at Altoona, 6 p.m.

Richmond at Harrisburg, 6:30 p.m.
Somerset at New Hampshire, 6:30 p.m.
Binghamton at Bowie, 6:30 p.m.
Akron at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Portland at Reading, 7 p.m.

WNBA standings
Eastern: W; L; PCT; GB
Connecticut: 10; 4; .714; —
Chicago: 9; 4; .692; 0.5
Washington: 9; 5; .643; 1
Atlanta: 7; 6; .538; 2.5
New York: 5; 9; .357; 5
Indiana: 3; 12; .200; 7.5
Western: W; L; PCT; GB
Las Vegas: 11; 2; .846; —
Seattle: 8; 5; .615; 3
Dallas: 7; 4; .642; 5
Los Angeles: 5; 8; .385; 6
Phoenix: 4; 8; .333; 6.5
Minnesota: 3; 10; .231; 8

Saturday's late result
Las Vegas 89, Los Angeles 72
Sunday's results
Chicago 88, New York 86
Seattle 84, Dallas 79
Phoenix at Washington, late
Indiana at Minnesota, late
Tuesday's schedule
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Local amateur baseball
AMERICAN LEGION
Friday's late result
Zone 3
Windsor Locks/Windsor 5, South Windsor 1
Saturday's late results
Zone 1
Tri-County 9, Bristol 4
Zone 3
RCP Post 5, Glastonbury 4
Sunday's results
Zone 1
Simsbury 6, Torrington 5
Bristol 8, Meriden 1
Naugatuck at West Hartford, late
Zone 3
Ellington 16, Enfield 5
RCP Post 4, Northeast 3
Middletown 4, Glastonbury 1
Indiana Locks/Windsor 10, South Windsor 6

Tri-County at EHM, late
Monday's schedule
Zone 1: West Hartford at Bristol, 5:45 p.m.; Naugatuck at Simsbury, 6:30 p.m.
Zone 3: EHM at South Windsor, 5:30 p.m.; Northeast at Ellington, 5:45 p.m.; Glastonbury at Enfield, 5:45 p.m.; CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
Friday's late results
Knights 6, Aftershock 6
Rock Cats 2, Orioles 1
Sunday's result
Black Sox 9, Patriots 2
Monday's schedule
Orioles at Dodgers, 6 p.m.
Angels at Patriots, 6 p.m.
Black Sox at Aftershock, 8 p.m.
GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
Friday's late result
Jets 13, Graphics 1
Sunday's result
Expos at Orioles, late
Monday's schedule
Graphics at Colts, 6 p.m.
People's at Jets, 7 p.m.

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